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# DAILY PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 25th 1971

Bishop W. Maynard Sparks convened the Annual Meeting at 1:20 p.m. in Brown Chapel as the assembled delegates and visitors sang Hymn 336 in the United Methodist Books of Hymns, "And Are We Yet Alive". Bishop Sparks gave an invocation and the delegates joined him in praying together the Collect for Purity of Heart and the Lord's Prayer. Bishop Sparks gave his own personal greetings to the Annual Meeting.

Organizational matters were then presented. John J. Shaffer moved that the Bar of the Annual Meeting include the entire center section of the auditorium. m/s/c John J. Shaffer moved that the agenda follow the brochure which was in the hands of all delegates. m/s/c By unanimous consent Robert D. Bowers was approved as assistant secretary. Ac Wischmeier named a Courtesy Committee which was confirmed by the delegates: David Fison, Natalie Brooks and Paul Jenkins. Committee on Appreciation was also confirmed: Charles Horner and Grace Wilson.

Greetings were received from: Rev. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, Thomas H. Dahl, Dr. Frederick McGinnis, Dale Sarles, Ecumenical pastor of the Church of the Epiphany at Valdez and from the Board of Missions, the National Division, the Hawaii District and The Rev. Kenneth Heflin of Hawaii, a former member of the Alaska Mission.

Ac Wischmeier introduced our host, Dr. William Davis, Acting President of Alaska Methodist University, who gave his greeting in behalf of the University.

Ac Wischmeier introduced the following persons who had joined the Mission family since last June: Beverly Whitehead, Bruce and Kathy Bartel, Jean Davis (United Methodist Voluntary Service worker at Juneau), Ruth Pope (Retired Mission Staff Worker who is at Jesse Lee Home in Volunteer Service), and Chaplain Fred Maddox of Ft. Wainwright near Fairbanks. In addition, the secretarial staff of the Mission Office was introduced: Mary Beth Sturgis (in her sixth year) and Pat Kirtin.

The eight delegates at large were introduced: Paul Jenkins and JoAnne Alter (under 25 youth delegates), Bea Shepard, Peggy Steinauer, Grace Wilson, Natalie Brooks, Sally Long and Bill Searby.

Nominations were made and persons elected as follows: Fund for Reconciliation Committee--Tom Whitehead (chmn), Bill Staats, Natalie Brooks, Ernest Jones, Grace Wilson. Committee on Petitions to General Conference--John J. Shaffer (chmn), Bill Searby, Donna Froula, Howard DeVore, Jean Stassel. All petitions must be in by the end of this Annual Meeting.

Ac Wischmeier proposed that greetings be sent to: Mrs. Everett W. Palmer, Mrs. A. Raymond Grant and Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves.

Leo C. Cramer presented the report of the Rules Committee. Section I was unchanged. Section II was amended in A.2.Sec. 1, after the words "in Full connection" with an additional concept of lay membership. In addition A.2. Sec. 4 was deleted. m/s/c

Ac Wischmeier gave the report of the Mission Superintendent. He presented the Mission with a check for \$229.56 from the Methodist Publishing House for Pensions. He commented that the Board of Pension had given \$180 to the credit of the Mission, which is an increase over the past two years. A gift was presented to Bishop and Mrs. Sparks (Mrs. Sparks was unable to be here this year) and Walter Hays initiated the Bishop into the Order of the Alaskan Walrus. Walter Hays was also presented with a gift. The report was received for the Journal.

Tom Whitehead introduced Tom Hanley of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, co-pastor Jewell Lake Parish.

Walter Hays presented the report of the Program Council. The report was in three parts: 1. A film by TRAFCO starring Dust and Ashes and entitled, DO YOU KNOW MY NAME. 2. Highlights from the reports and 3. Comments concerning the work of the Program Director and future directions for the Alaska Mission. He also introduced Charles Wilson, Jr. to the meeting. The report was received for the Journal.

The report of the Commission on World Service and Finance was received as presented by William Staats, for action by the legislative committees.

The Petition decision No. 341 by the Judicial Council was received and discussed. Dr. Harry Komuro spoke concerning the position of the Board of Missions. Bishop Sparks also made comments. John J. Shaffer moved that we receive the opinions for consideration. m/s/c.

Ac Wischmeier moved that the Judicial Council ruling not take effect until after the close of the Annual Meeting except any person in a special appointment affected by the ruling can not be elected ministerial representative to Jurisdictional Conference or vote for the same. m/s/c.

First ballot was received for lay and ministerial delegate to the Western Jurisdictional Conference to be held July 11, 1972, in Seattle.

Final announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned by the Bishop and closed with prayer by Chaplain Fred Maddox.

Members of the Annual Meeting attended a reception for Bishop Sparks and Dr. Komuro at the Mission House.

At 8: p. m. the Memorial Communion Service was held in Brown Chapel, with Bishop Sparks bringing the message. The next morning, Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel spoke at morning devotions.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26th, 1971

The meeting was called to order by the Bishop at 9:30 a. m.

Charles Decker, Lay Delegate from Soldotna, was introduced. It was announced that Betty DeVore had undergone emergency surgery the previous night.

Ac Wischmeier announced the location of the legislative committee meetings.

The first ballot report was made. There was no election of delegates and the second ballot was taken.

Amos J. Alter was introduced and he spoke on the restructuring of the Alaska Council of Churches. He has been chairman of the Restructure Committee.

A Presentation was made to Amos J. Alter, after Bishop Sparks announced that he had been selected as Alaska Methodist Layman of the Year. Meeting was then adjourned until the evening session.

At 8:00 p. m., the meeting was called to order by Bishop Sparks and the group sang Hymn 133, "Breathe On Me, Breath of God".

By common consent, the hour of adjournment was set at 10:00 p.m.

Ac Wischmeier introduced Nick Brewer, President of the Alaska Council of Churches and pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Wasilla, who addressed the meeting concerning developments in the attempt to form a replacement body for the Council of Churches.

The Bishop reported on the Third Ballot for Jurisdictional Conference delegates from Alaska. David Fison was elected as the Ministerial delegate and Jean Stassel (Mrs. Fred) was elected as the lay delegate. A ballot for the Reserve Lay and Ministerial Delegate was then received.

Dr. Harry Komuro, Secretary of the Service Unit of Special Ministries of the National Division of the Board of Missions, introduced Dr. Evelyn Barry, Executive in charge of Educational Services of the National Division of the Board of Missions, and a trustee of Alaska Methodist University. He also spoke concerning the new directions being taken by the National Division and related groups.

A report was made on the first ballot for the Reserve Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. Grace Wilson was elected as Reserve Lay Delegate. No election for the Ministerial Delegate. Second clergy ballot was received.

Robert Bowers, chairman of the Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibilities, gave the report of that group. The Recommendations of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns were

considered first. Section I of that report, entitled "General Statement" was approved on a motion by Robert Bowers. Robert Bowers moved that Section II, entitled "Recommendations" be adopted with the changes as printed on material in the hands of the delegates. Paul Jenkins moved that the items be considered in seriatum by the body. m/s/c.

A, B, and C were adopted. D was adopted as amended by the committee. E was adopted as amended by the committee. F was deleted as recommended by the committee. G was adopted as amended by the committee. H was deleted as recommended by the committee. J, K, L, and M were adopted. N and O were adopted as amended by the committee. P was deleted as recommended by the committee. David Fison moved a substitution for P to replace it and yet retain the sense of it: "We commend our national representatives who are backing a fair and equitable land claims settlement." m/s/c. 17-15 Q was deleted as recommended by the committee. R was approved as amended by the committee. S was deleted as recommended by the committee. T was approved. U substitute was approved as presented by the committee. V substitute was approved as presented by the committee. W was approved. Bill Trudeau moved the addition of item X: "We recommend that the Chairman of Christian Social Concerns make a survey of the churches of the Mission and report to the next session of the Annual Meeting what affect the recommendations adopted by the Annual Meeting have had in shaping local church involvement and programming with regard to these issues". m/s/c.

Walter Hays moved the reconsideration of item G for amendment. Failed.

Robert Bowers moved that the entire Section III on Resolutions of Commendation be deleted from the report. This was by recommendation of the legislative section.

The report of Health and Welfare Ministries was presented. Robert Bowers moved adoption of the printed report, with the addition of item 4, dealing with a study of National Health Insurance and systems of payment for medical care. m/s/c.

Robert Bowers moved adoption of the entire report of the legislative section. m/s/c.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY, MAY 27th, 1971

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 by Bishop Sparks. The fourth ballot for ministerial reserve delegate was received.

The report of the Christian Nurture legislative section was presented by Paul Jenkins.



Paul Jenkins moved adoption of the education committee report, with the printed changes. m/s/c.

Robert Nelson reported for the Higher Education committee and moved adoption. m/s/c.

Paul Jenkins moved adoption of the Worship Committee, with the printed changes. m/s/c.

Fourth ballot did not elect. A fifth ballot was received from the ministerial members.

Grace Wilson presented the report of the Christian Outreach legislative section.

She added a section d to the resolutions concerning Advance Specials, regarding lay people on vacations.

She also gave the committee recommendation to add a Section 6 to the mission recommendations, relating to a goal study for the Alaska mission. Bill Searby moved that section 6 be referred to the section for further work and clarification. m/s/c.

The Evangelism Committee report was passed as recommended by the legislative committee.

Grace Wilson indicated that the Ecumenical Affairs Report be amended at paragraph 7 to read: "Before the program council takes action, it must secure and consider the opinions and reactions of the local churches".

John J. Shaffer moved a further addition that "Any action taken is subject to ratification at the 1972 Annual Meeting". This amendment failed.

James Thompson moved the previous question, to consider the total Ecumenical Affairs report and it was sustained.

Thomas Whitehead proposed an amendment to paragraph 6 of the Ecumenical Affairs Report: We recommend that the leaders of the 3 ecumenical parishes involving United Methodist Churches meet during the year to discuss the potential developmental patterns and programs of ecumenical parishes and that they report pertinent items to the 1972 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission. m/s/c.

James Fellers was announced as 1972 chairman of the section on Christian Outreach and Natalie Brooks as secretary.

Grace Wilson moved the adoption of the entire report, except Section 6 of missions.

Ac Wischmeier questioned the wisdom of electing such people to serve next year.

He was challenged by both James Fellers and Robert Nelson on the basis of our Rules. Robert Nelson made the motion to refer the

issue to the Rules committee for clarification of Rule 6 on page 13 of the Pre-Conference Handbook m/s/c.

Report was given on the fifth ballot for Reserve Ministerial Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. Donald Hartman was elected.

Meeting recessed for fifteen minutes at 11:15 a.m.

After the recess Leo C. Cramer presented the report of the Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs section

Laity committee report was accepted with changes made by the section.

Hospital Insurance Report was adopted with one addition.

Basic Salary Structure committee report was adopted with one change by the section.

Commission on World Service and Finance was adopted by page numbers in the Handbook. Page 68 was adopted without change. Page 69 was adopted with the addition of No. 8 and 9 under B. Pages 70-73 were adopted with only one change of a typographical error in A. 3 where we changed \$3600 item for Superintendent's travel to \$3100. Pages 74-75 were passed without concurrence in the recommendation of the section to shift \$150 from the budget of Missions to the Contingency Fund. Page 76 was passed as presented.

After announcements, the meeting was adjourned by a prayer by Richard Gilbert, Administrator of Alaska Children's Services.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Bishop Sparks and Hymn 83 "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" was sung.

Leo C. Cramer brought to the floor a report on the Rules Committee. The Rules committee recommended that Section 6.C, page 13 of the Handbook, be changed by adding after "Annual Meeting" in the second paragraph "except at the last session of the quadrennium". Motion failed.

Leo C. Cramer presented the Statisticians Report and it was approved.

James Thompson moved a vote of thanks to Leo C. Cramer's work as Statistician during the past four years.. This was sustained.

Walter Hays was allowed the courtesy of presenting Mrs. Mary Jane Landstrom, of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Publicity Chairman of the Annual School of Mission, who addressed the group concerning the School of Mission October 8-10, 1971.

John J. Shaffer presented the Petitions to General Conference that had been read by the Petitions Committee. Petition #1, concerning the Judicial Council decision regarding the Alaska Mission Ministerial representation passed unanimously. Petition #2, asking more voice in Mission Affairs was voted down. Petition #3, asking for a Missionary Bishop to be assigned to Alaska was accepted 18-15. Petition #4, was presented from the floor by Gary Lueck.

After debate a motion was made to take a brief recess and refer the petition to the Committee on Petitions. After the break John J. Shaffer presented Petition #4, related to representation of the Board of Missions. m/s/c.

Gary Lueck presented a petition to the Jurisdictional College of Bishops that they nominate an at-large delegate from their number to the Board of Missions which would be from the Alaska Mission. m/s/c.

Thomas Whitehead presented a report of the Fund for Reconciliation Committee. He commented that \$2800 had been raised in Alaska for Alaskan Projects and recommended that \$1500 of that sum be used for purchasing a van vehicle for the Nome Community Center. m/s/c. This leaves a \$1300 balance and Tom Whitehead urged members to seek these funds.

Bill Trudeau, director, gave a visual and verbal presentation concerning his work at the Nome Community Center. Pictures of his son, David, proved to be a highlight of the annual meeting.

Nominations were made for the Committee on Reference and Council: Earl Maxwell, Bill Searby, Bea Shepard, Natalie Brooks and Marvis Nelson for the Layman and Howard DeVore, Robert Bowers and John J. Shaffer for the clergy. m/s/c.

Nominations were sought to fill vacancies which have been found in the leadership of the Alaskan Mission. Thomas Whitehead was nominated as Chairman of the General Committee on Christian Social Responsibility and elected. Robert Bowers and Eugene Groves were nominated for chairman of Lay Activities and Temporal Economy and Robert Bowers was elected. Walter Hays was nominated and elected to membership on the General Committee on Christian Outreach. Charles Horner and Walter L. Hays, Jr. were nominated for chairmanship of Christian Outreach and Walter L. Hays, Jr. was elected. Paul Jenkins and Piruska Lueck were nominated as chairman of the worship work area and Piruska Lueck was elected. Natalie Brooks was nominated and elected as Chairman of Christian Social Concerns work area.

Ac Wischmeier presented a report of the Nominations Committee. Don Hartman was elected Statistician and Robert Bowers was elected Secretary of the Alaskan Mission for the next quadrennium.

Walter Hays was also nominated for the General Committee on Christian Nurture. Jean Stassel was nominated to serve on General Committee on Christian Outreach.

Gary Lueck and David Fison were nominated and elected to the World Service and Finance Commission. Charles Horner, Walter Hays, John Tindell and Eugene Groves (alt) were nominated and elected as Council of Churches Delegates.

United Campus Ministry Board members for 1971-1972 were elected as follows: Supt. Ac Wischmeier, Pastor David Fison, Local

Church Layman Sam Woodke, Faculty John Turner and Student Martin Walther.

Alaskan Children Services, Inc. representative elected was Mrs. James Scott.

Alaska Mission Representative on Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital was elected in John Poland's nomination.

Birchwood Camp representatives elected were as follows: Camp Superintendent Eugene Groves, Chairman of Camp Committee Howard DeVore, Chairman of Camp Program Tom Whitehead, Chairman of Grounds and Development Robert Bowers and members Gary Lueck, Jim Fellers, Eugene Walters and John Tindell plus one layman from the six greater Anchorage churches plus Seward and Kenai Larger Parish.

Grace Wilson presented item 6 on page 78 with amendments and changes to wording. m/s/c. Entire report of Christian Outreach legislative section then adopted.

Gary Lueck moved that we send greetings through the ministers of the mission as they may attend their Annual Conference sessions this year. m/s/c.

Grace Wilson gave the Committee on Appreciation report. m/s/c.

Gary Lueck reported on the Pastor's School.

Charles Horner spoke briefly about the need for contacting the Department of Public Works in relationship to their decision to discontinue the ferry group rate system. He indicated this would be difficult for many Southeast Alaska youth programs.

Walter Hays moved that we extend greetings to the Walt Warners. m/s/c.

Meeting was adjourned with business completed at 5:15 p.m., as Bishop Sparks led in prayer.

Appointments were read following the evening service of worship by Bishop Sparks. He also gave a plaque to the daughters of the Layman of the Year, Amos J. Alter, JoAnne and Barbara Alter, to carry to him in his absence.

John J. Shaffer, Secretary  
Robert D. Bowers, Assistant Secretary



# RULES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

## I. Disciplinary Provisions 1968

### Paragraph 658:

A Mission shall meet annually at the time and place appointed by the bishop in charge, who shall preside. In the absence of the bishop, the Superintendent of the Mission shall preside. The presiding officer shall bring forward the regular business of the meeting and arrange the work. For rules governing the administration of the Missions in the home field see Paragraph 652-53, 1336.

### Paragraph 652:

Each Provisional Annual Conference or Mission at its annual session shall appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be, with the concurrence of the president of the conference, to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each pastoral charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the charge. Such estimate shall be subject to modification of the Board of Missions immediately concerned.

### Paragraph 653:

A charge within a Provisional Annual Conference or Mission may receive aid from the Board of Missions without having been designated by the conference at its meeting.

### Paragraph 1336:

1. In home fields outside of an Annual Conference, or among racial groups, work under the care of the Board of Missions not having met the requirements for the organization of a Provisional Annual Conference shall be administered as a MISSION.

2. The Mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries, both lay and clerical, mission traveling preachers, and other lay members. The number of lay members and method of their appointment shall be determined by the Mission.

3. The bishop in charge of a Mission may appoint a superintendent of the Mission or as many superintendents of the Mission as may be wise and for whom support has been provided. He shall determine the groups or charges over which respective superintendents shall have supervision.

4. A bishop, or in his absence one of the superintendents chosen by ballot by the Mission, shall preside at the annual meeting. This mission shall exercise in a general way, the functions of a District Conference. It shall have power to license persons to preach, to pass on the character of preachers not members of an Annual Conference, to receive on trial mission traveling preachers, and to recommend to an Annual Conference proper persons for deacon's orders. The presiding officer shall, at the annual meeting, assign the missionaries and mission traveling preachers to the several charges

for the ensuing year; provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from the Mission without previous consultation with the National Division.

5. Examination of lay pastors and traveling preachers shall be held by the Mission and certified to an Annual Conference. The Mission shall also make recommendations for reception on trial in an Annual Conference.

## II. Rules

### A. Organization

1. Convening: The Annual Meeting shall meet on the date set by the Bishop as provided in the Discipline (Par. 658). The program committee shall consist of the bishop of the area, the superintendent of the Mission, the secretary of the Mission, the lay leader and associate lay leader of the Mission, and the pastor and lay leader of the local church. In the event that AMU is host, the president or his representative shall be added to the committee, together with such pastors as the superintendent may appoint.

2. Membership: Voting members of the Annual Meeting shall be those indicated in Paragraph 1336.2 of the Discipline as that section is clarified time to time by the presiding officer upon request of the Meeting.

Lay Membership: Sec. 1. The Charge Conference of each charge of the Mission shall elect a lay member and one or more alternate members to the Annual Meeting quadrennially at the charge Conference prior to the first Annual Meeting following the General Conference session. Each pastoral charge served by more than one minister in full connection shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are effective full-time ministers in full connection. Each congregation of a parish shall be entitled to a lay representative, provided that there are not more than two representatives from each parish. The Mission Lay Leader, the Mission President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and two (2) Youth delegates under twenty-five (25) years of age shall also be members of the Annual Meeting. The Youth delegates shall be selected annually by the Committee on Reference and Council and shall have been a member of the United Methodist Church for one year. The lay member or members thus elected shall serve beginning with the next session of the Annual Meeting following election.

Sec. 2. In case of the inability of a lay member or alternate lay member(s) to attend the Annual Meeting sessions for any reason, the Charge Conference may elect a lay member to fill the vacancy on either a permanent or temporary basis.

Sec. 3. Any layman not a member of the Annual Meeting who is an officer of the Annual Meeting or one of its agencies, boards, commissions, committees, task force, or societies, shall be entitled

to the privilege of the floor, without vote on matters relating to the report of the said agency, board, commission, committee, task force, or society.

Sec. 4. In order to achieve equal lay and clerical representation at the Annual Meeting the Bishop and Mission Superintendent shall appoint a committee each year to select lay representation to equal clerical.

3. Officers: Annual Meeting Officers: Sec. I. At the last Annual Meeting preceding the General Conference, an Annual Meeting Secretary and Statistician shall be elected to serve for the succeeding quadrennium. They shall be nominated by the nominating committee. The Secretary and Statistician shall nominate their assistants annually or appoint them ad interim for confirmation by the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. The Annual Meeting Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially at the session of the Annual Meeting following General Conference upon nomination of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

4. Membership and Tenure of General Committees and Standing Committees that function throughout the year representing the following broad concerns:

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Christian Social Concerns, Health and Welfare Ministries.

## CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Education, Worship, Vocations, Trafc, Historical Society, Publication interests, Ministerial Training, Camping, Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

## LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

Lay Activities, Pensions, Hospital and Medical Insurance, Basic Pastoral Support.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Missions, Membership, Evangelism, Ecumenical Affairs, and Interpretation.

There shall be the following standing committees:

World Service and Finance, Committee on Reference and Council, Church Location and Building, Annual Meeting Program.

Sec. 2. All general committees and standing committees of the Mission shall have quadrennial status and their membership shall be nominated by the Mission nominating committee at the first session of the Annual Meeting following the General Conference, except as otherwise indicated in the Discipline.

Sec. 3. All General Committees and standing committees shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the Annual Meeting but their actions shall be reported to the Annual Meeting for confirmation.

Sec. 4. No person shall serve on any one general committee or standing committee of the Mission whose members are elected by the Annual Meeting more than four consecutive years with the following exceptions and provisions:

a. One or two years service to fill a vacancy on a quadrennial general committee or standing committee shall not count for the purpose of this rule.

b. In the case of a committee elected in three years or other terms classes the maximum period of consecutive service shall be two terms, with the provision that a one-year appointment to fill a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count to the purpose of this rule.

c. Persons who are members of a general committee or standing committee ex-officio shall not be affected by this rule.

Sec. 5. Each general committee or standing committee shall organize, with chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary. Where feasible both ministers and laymen shall be represented among the officers. Unless otherwise provided the first named shall be the convener. The chairman and vice-chairman and secretary of each shall be indicated in the Annual Mission Journal.

Sec. 6. (a) There shall be four Legislative sections of the Annual Meeting: Christian Social Responsibilities, Christian Nurture, Lay Activities and Temporal Economy, and Christian Outreach.

(b) The standing division of responsibility for reference to the Legislative sections is as follows:

#### **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Christian Social Concerns, Health and Welfare Ministries.

#### **CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

Education, Worship, Vocations, Trafo, Historical Society, Publication Interests, Ministerial Training, Camping, Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

#### **LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY**

Lay Activities, Pensions, Hospital and Medical Insurance, Basic Pastoral Support, World Service and Finance.

#### **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

Missions, Deaconess work, Women's Society of Christian Service, Memberships and Evangelism, Ecumenical Affairs, Interpretation, Church Location and Building. The World Service and Conference Benevolence budget shall be reviewed by the legislative

committees on Christian Outreach prior to its consideration by the legislative committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.

(c) The legislative sections shall be constituted as follows: The Program Director of the Mission shall be at least six weeks before the Annual Meeting, provide all ministerial and lay members with a prepared, stamp-for-return ballot on which he may designate his first, second choice for Group A and B of the Legislative sections on which he desires to serve. Lay member vacancy shall automatically be filled by the next alternate lay member from the same charge. The Mission Superintendent with these ballots in hand shall make the annual assignments to the legislative sections, reporting same in mimeographed form at the opening Annual Meeting session. All voting members shall receive assignments. Missionary pastors wives, Deaconesses and pastors from ecumenical churches where United Methodism participates may serve on legislative sections but without vote. Assignment shall be made annually and the membership on the legislative sections shall be limited to four consecutive years.

Each Legislative section shall elect its own chairman and secretary for the succeeding session of the Annual Meeting; provided, that said officers shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. Each legislative section shall select sub-committee chairman as needed, and form sub-committees by whatever method it chooses. The legislative sections shall be convened at the Annual Meeting by their chairman; provided, however, that in the event the chairman is unable, for any reason, to function, the Mission Superintendent or a person appointed by him shall act as convenor for the purpose of electing a new chairman who may not be the Mission Superintendent.

(d) The Chairman of the Legislative section or others designated by them may present their report as they are readied. The report of any Legislative section shall not exceed one hour in length until each Legislative section has reported and only then shall additional time become available for reports of a Legislative Committee.

(e) Legislative sections which have not completed their work in the time allotted to them in the Annual Mission program may call such additional sub-committee or full committee meetings as necessary when not in conflict with the business session of the Annual Meeting to handle matters of reference arising in Annual Meeting sessions after the regular scheduled Legislative Section meetings have been completed, the executive committee of each Legislative section consisting of the Chairman, secretary and sub-section chairman, is empowered to act for the whole section.

(f) A special standing committee known as the Committee on Reference and Council shall be nominated and elected from the floor at the last session of the Annual Meeting preceeding the General Conference to serve for the succeeding quadrenium to act on the rules, journal, appreciation, audit and nominating committee. It shall consist of five laymen and four ministers one of which

shall be the Mission Superintendent. When it is acting in the capacity of the Nominating Committee the Mission Superintendent is the chairman but at all other times its elected chairman presides.

(g) The reports and work of the following Mission groups are not reported through the Legislative sections: Committee on Reference and Council, Annual Meeting Program, Program Council, General Conference Petitions, and special committees.

(h) The duties of the Legislative sections shall be as follows: To receive all resolutions, recommendations, and proposals for Annual Meeting pronouncements, promotional programs and methods of procedure, affecting the Mission and the promotional groups from any and all commissions, boards, and committees, institutions and members; to hear and consider all such matters; to formulate reports on same and present them to the Annual Meeting. Only matters before the Legislative sections may be reported to the Annual Meeting; however, this is not to preclude minority reports on any recommendations. The Annual Meeting is empowered to assign recommendations to the appropriate Legislative section, and to withdraw and reassign said recommendations at any time before a report on said recommendation is brought in. The Legislative sections are empowered to indicate resolutions falling within the general scope of their field.

(i) No person can serve on more than two of the four General Commissions.

(j) Membership on the General Committee shall be:

Christian Social Responsibilities	10 Lay	6 Clergy
Christian Nurture	20 Lay	8 Clergy
Lay Activities and Temporal Economy	8 Lay	4 Clergy
Christian Outreach	12 Lay	6 Clergy

(k) Membership on the standing committees shall be:

World Service and Finance	6 Lay	5 Clergy
Committee on Reference and Council	5 Lay	4 Clergy
Church Location and Building		
South and East Section	3 Lay	3 Clergy
North and Central Section	3 Lay	3 Clergy

(l) Delegates of the Alaska Mission to the Alaska Council of Churches who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during their effective appointment or quadrennial term. All other delegates shall serve for a quadrennial term, nominated by the first session of the Annual Meeting following the General Conference. The number of delegates are determined by the Alaska Council formula.

(m) The Annual Meeting shall elect such other commissions, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out its work.

(n) Members of the Annual Meeting shall serve as elected members of not more than four general committees or standing com-

mittees concurrently. This does not include the Legislative Committees.

## B. Procedures

1. When a member desires to present any business, or speak to any question, he shall rise and address the presiding officer, and when recognized, he may proceed, restricting his remarks to the subject before the meeting.

2. The hours of convening and adjourning the sessions of the Meeting shall be fixed by the Program Committee. The printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the meeting, at the time of the organization of the meeting.

3. When absence from the various business sessions is necessary, permission from the presiding officer shall be secured.

4. Offerings at the Communion Service and for conference expenses are approved. Other offerings shall have prior approval by the Annual Meeting.

5. Ordained Methodist ministers, other than those covered under Section A, Paragraph 2 of these rules, serving in Alaska under appointment, deaconesses, and lay missionaries serving under special appointment by the Board of Missions shall be seated at the Annual Meeting and given the privileges of the floor without vote.

Visitors may be given the privilege of the floor without vote by the presiding officer of the Annual Meeting.

6. The pastors shall submit the statistical report and the financial report respectively to the statistician and the treasurer as requested by these officers.

Sec. 1. The fiscal year in the Mission shall be the calendar year beginning with January 1, and closing on December 31. The Mission Treasurer shall close the financial records of the Mission as of December 31, and all remittances must be received in the Mission office by that date in order to receive credit for the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. The June salary shall be paid to the minister by the local church to which he is appointed in the Alaska Mission at the session of the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 3. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the local church and the appointing authorities, the salary of a pastor transferred between Annual Meeting sessions shall begin when the pastor takes over his responsibilities of that church.

Sec. 4. All requests for Mission apportionments upon the charges or the pastors for Mission wide appeals for financial support for special causes shall first have to be referred to the Commission on World Service and Finance, and no apportionments shall be made

until the Commission shall have made its report. If the report is negative, a two-thirds majority vote of the Annual Meeting shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the Commission.

7. Sec. 1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern on all questions of procedure when the rules adopted by the Annual Meeting or the United Methodist Discipline do not apply.

Sec. 2. All proposals designated as permanent regulations of the Annual Meeting shall be first submitted to the Rules Committee, whose duty it shall be to consider the proposal and then make a report on it with recommendations to the Annual Meeting. In order to change an Annual Meeting Rule, or to provide for a new Annual Meeting Rule, the Annual Meeting must vote change specifically, by Rule and Section number.

Sec. 3. New, revised, amended, or rescinded Rules may originate as follows: by recommendations from any Legislative Committee, General Commission, board, or committee which does not report through the Legislative Committees; from the Mission Superintendent; or over the signature of three members of the Annual Meeting. Individual members may submit proposals to the Rules Committee for consideration, but in such case the committee is not bound to report the proposed change on the floor of the Annual Meeting.

8. All business of the Meeting not brought forward by the presiding officer may be introduced by a motion from the floor.

9. Reports that are to be printed in the Pre-Annual Work Book of the Alaska Mission shall be submitted to the Mission office by April 15, preceeding the Annual Meeting.

### C. Resolutions and Motions

1. All resolutions and motions introduced by a member shall be in written form and submitted to the secretary on request. Any resolution or motion so introduced may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amended or adopted.

The name of person presenting a resolution or motion which is adopted shall be recorded in the Minutes.

2. No one may speak more than once on any question before the Meeting until everyone who desires to speak shall have spoken. Where persons of opposing views wish the floor, the presiding officer shall alternate recognizing the proponents and opponents of the motion in question.

3. When any motion is laid on the table, it may be taken therefrom by a majority vote of the Meeting and may be made the order of the day for any session or hour thereafter.

4. All motions, except those of privilege, originating on the floor shall be referred to the appropriate Legislative committee for study



and report, unless consideration of same is passed by two-thirds vote of members present.

#### D. Journal

1. The record of daily proceedings of the Annual Meeting as signed by the presiding officer and the secretary and printed in the official Journal shall be considered the official minutes.

2. All narrative material to be published in the Official Journal shall be submitted in quadruplicate to the secretary not later than midnight of the day of adjournment of the Annual Meeting. Material submitted later may be omitted from the Journal unless arrangements are made with the secretary to receive late material.

#### E. Amendments

The rules of the Annual meeting may be amended or suspended on the first day of the Annual Meeting by a majority vote. At all other times amendment or suspension of rules shall require a two-thirds vote.

#### F. Program Council

Sec. 1. The purpose of the Program Council shall be:

(a) to receive program recommendations from the local churches, the Mission, the Jurisdictional and General Program Councils;

(b) To develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Meeting for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Mission program; and

(c) to provide implementation for an administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the Annual Meeting.

Sec. 2. The voting membership shall consist of ten persons made up as follows: the Mission President of Women's Society of Christian Service, the Mission Lay Leader, one youth, the chairmen of the four General Commissions, and three members at large to insure at least two women and near equal representation of the laity and clergy as possible. Ex-officio the Bishop, the Mission Superintendent, Chairman of World Service and Finance, and Program Director, the latter two without vote. The Mission Superintendent shall be chairman.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and program director. These officers plus one other person chosen at large constitutes the executive committee.

Sec. 4. The Program Council shall meet at the Annual Meeting, at Pastor's School, and one other meeting during the year if funds permit.

## **G. Miscellaneous**

Where the rules call for the commissions, committees, etc. to be elected quadrennially those members elected at the 1970 Annual Meeting will serve for the remaining two years of the quadrennium, and any member so elected would be eligible for re-election.

# **Recommendation for Study and Action**

## **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERN**

### **I. GENERAL STATEMENT**

Several considerations should govern our thinking in the area of Christian Social Action:

(a) Christian Social Action must be related directly to our understanding of God. God is more than a principle or a cold impersonal idea. He is the living God who has made himself and his will known to us constantly in human history. He is the loving Father who seeks us and seeks relationship with us. Our concern is an expression of his own love, concern and action.

(b) Christian Social Action can be done only at God's urging. It is God who urges us and compels us into action. This is his universe. We are his people. Our Action to create a more meaningful life can only be effective when we act from a divine calling.

(c) Christian Social Action is directed and informed by the life and message of Christ. Christian social action is both God inspired and Christ centered. Christ was a man who lived his life for others. We must follow his example.

(d) Christian Social Action is related to an understanding of man which makes persons central. We act because we are concerned for persons and what happens to them in life.

(e) Christian Social Action flows out of personal faith. Only when people are truly awakened to God and find meaningful relationship to him can this concern be more than well meaningful intention. The man of faith is sensitized to his world and his fellowman as well as to God and his own personal need.

(f) Christian Social Action should be governed by its relevancy. It should deal with things that effect people in the here and now, but should not lose sight of either past history or future possibility.

## II. RECOMMENDATION

(a) We reassert the principles as outlined in sections 1 and 2 on pp. 28 and 29 of the 1970 Mission Journal and thus reiterate the need for each church to become aware of its Christian Social Responsibility and of the mission to assist in every way possible.

(b) We will attempt to set in operation by 1972 a communication and information newsletter on a bi-monthly basis which will keep Alaskan United Methodists aware of the issues and prepared to take concrete action.

(c) The mission encourages the endorsement of responsible programs of environmental education and urges our churches and members to be active in positive ecological programs.

(d) The Mission encourages each church to have an active representation on local councils on alcoholism and encourage individuals to follow the ethical guidelines suggested by our church in the use of beverage alcohol because this health problem is number one in the nation and state and demands our utmost concern as Christians.

(e) The mission encourages United Methodist to participate in the development of local units of the National and State Mental Health Association and to participate in the activities of the local, state and national Mental Health Associations.

(f) The mission will encourage our speedy withdrawal from Indochina and will encourage the President and Congress to end all entanglements there.

(g) The mission will continue to urge United Methodist people to enroll in minority group studies courses but would urge that our people seek to understand all the movements of unrest in our country.

(h) The mission will continue to encourage United Methodist Churches to develop studies of Alaska's native groups, their history, customs, etc.

(i) The mission recommends to United Methodists the possibility of adopting unwanted children or of taking foster children into their family circle.

(j) The mission will urge United Methodists to subscribe to the Alaska Council of Churches Legislative Newsletter and also to be vocal in expressing their views to legislators and appointed or elected administrators of the State of Alaska and our representatives in Federal Government.

(k) The mission supports the concept of zero population growth and recommends that each church in Alaska actively promote it.

(l) We recommend that each church in the state be sensitive to the needs of the great numbers of transients who come to

Alaska. We urge each church to explore the various possibilities for ministries to these persons.

(m) We urge our national representatives to vote for legislation which will establish a family assistance guaranteed income plan which will help persons to live in dignity with self respect.

(n) We commend our national representatives who are backing a fair and equitable land claims settlement.

(o) We urge the state and federal governments to exercise the utmost concern through legislation and enforcement relating to pollution, particularly in those operations which are carried on in Alaska, but also, throughout the nation.

(q) We urge the Alaska state legislators to continue their support of private higher education through a generous program of grants and loans to Alaskan students. We feel this is necessary to maintain a freedom of choice between attendance at public and private institutions of higher education.

(p) We will work towards relating Alaska and our work area to movements of national importance so that our people may have a bigger voice in national affairs and be better informed.

(r) The mission urges all United Methodist churches to work actively for the improvement of child welfare in Alaska, including: the establishment of day care centers, family counseling, home-maker services, realistic child support laws, involvement with the work of Alaska Children's Services and cooperation with the 4 C's (Community-Coordinated Child Care).

(s) We urge that United Methodists become sensitive to areas of discrimination against women in church and society.

(t) We recommend that the Chairman of Christian Social Concern make a survey of the churches of the Mission and report to the next session of the Annual Meeting what affect the recommendations adopted by the Annual Meeting have had in shaping local church involvement and programming with regard to these issues.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES

1. That the work area of Health and Welfare Ministries pledge its support to the publication of a revised edition of the Community Service Directory (Anchorage) and utilize its budget item for referral services for this project.

2. That local churches of the Alaska Mission study the COCAH-NIA report so that they may become aware of crucial areas of human need in our state.

3. That local churches wherever possible provide a "Lord's Pantry" or clothing service for emergency needs and support the FISH (Fellowship In Service to Humanity) organization.

4 That the Health and Welfare Ministries devote a large portion of their efforts during the coming year to the establishment of study groups for the purpose of reporting the thinking of the Alaskan Mission to the National Board of Christian Social Concerns concerning National Health Insurance and systems of payment for medical care.

## CHRISTIAN NURTURE

### EDUCATION

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Alaskan Mission be in close contact with Rev. James Simpson, master teacher and director of the leadership of Advance Education Project of the Washington-Alaska Synod of the United Presbyterian Church and give support to his leadership training events.

2. That the Alaska Mission accept the offer of Dr. Wayne Lindecker and Miss Aileen Sanborn of the Division of Local Church of the General Board of Education to itinerate in Alaska for a ten-day period in October of 1972 to provide workshops for local churches and clusters of churches that will strengthen the work of the Council on Ministries and to provide a midweek training enterprise for youth and adults engaged in youth ministry leadership.

3. That the Alaskan Mission and members of the Alaska Council of Churches and other cooperating bodies form a joint audio visual library with pledge of our existing AV library.

4. That the Alaska Mission take full advantage of the youth ministry team that has been formed (Fellers-LaBau-Horner) as local churches plan and develop youth ministries. This team has received special training and will be able to provide valuable counsel and leadership to local units.

5. That the Alaska Mission work with other cooperating denominations and/or agencies to field a summer service project for Alaskan senior high youth during the summer of 1972.

6. That primary consideration be given to the effective leadership training of laymen within the Alaska Mission in various areas of educational ministry—in both bringing resource persons to the state and in sending some laymen "outside" for leadership training events.

7. It is recommended that the local church calendar should include the following special observances:

June 11	United Methodist Student Day (special offering)
Sept. 24	Christian Education Sunday (special offering)
Nov. 26	Recognition of the United Methodist institutions in Alaska (special offering)
Dec. 31	Student Recognition Day
April 30 - May 6	National Family Week

### EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. That by December 31, 1972, as many as possible of the youth counselors, youth leaders, youth ministry coordinators, and pastors of the Alaska Mission will have:

1. Been made more aware of and more sensitive to the areas of youth culture and youth concern, especially as they relate to youth ministry,
2. Developed skills in finding and using available youth ministry resources,
3. Developed skills in planning, conducting, and evaluating youth ministry programs.

B. That the youth ministry team (Fellers, LaBau and Horner Jr.) be charged with implementing youth ministry programming for the Alaska Mission.

C. That the Nominating committee nominate United Methodist Delegates to the Birchwood Camp Committee, that interim chairman for the camp committee, building and grounds sub-committee, and program sub-committee be appointed from among these delegates to serve until the entire committee is organized, and that the Birchwood Camp Committee submit for review by the 1972 Annual Meeting, a five-year plan for projected development of the Birchwood Camp program, grounds, and facilities.

### HIGHER EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we commend Dr. Robert Nelson and the Board of the United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks for their work in drafting the bylaws of UCM, that we ratify the bylaws of the UCM (pp. 57-62), subject to proposed changes by the National Division of the Board of Missions, and that we support the work of UCM as the ministry of the United Methodist Church on the campus of the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.

2. That we work toward the development of an ecumenical campus ministry among the university campuses in Anchorage,

that we support the securing of a "campus intern," and that we work to receive funds from church and private sources to match a grant from United Ministries in Higher Education in support of this program.

## WORSHIP

1. That the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church reaffirm its support of the Worship Workshops to be held October 26-29, 1971, on an interdenominational basis, in the southeast, Kenai, Anchorage and Fairbanks areas of the state.

2. That informal gatherings of pastors and/or laity of the Alaska Mission be encouraged to meet at least once during the coming year, in the several areas of Alaska, to share experiences, thoughts and worship resources.

3. Recognizing the significance of worship to the essence of the Christian Faith and the time and energy worship involves in each of our parishes, that the Worship Work Area Chairman in each Council on Ministries be asked to relate to a committee of persons, meeting from time to time in cooperation with the pastor, to assist in planning regular and special services of Divine Worship. That the committee, by functioning, demonstrate that the worship of God is something involving the whole people of God, both in theory and practice.

4. That fresh ideas, sermons and special services held in Alaska Mission congregations be shared with the Worship Work Area chairman and that these be forwarded by him to the several churches of the Mission.

5. That worship in the congregations of the Alaska United Methodist Mission make use of the depth of the Christian worship sources, including those which are ancient, evangelical and contemporary.

## LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

### LAY ACTIVITIES

The following resolutions are offered as guidelines for the improvement of the ministry of the laity in the United Methodist Churches of Alaska.

Be it resolved that:

1. That each local church again provide at least one opportunity for the membership to hear the report of the lay delegate to the Annual Meeting.

2. That the leadership of each local church continue to give primary emphasis to the enabling of the new structure of United

Methodist Church during the coming conference year with emphasis on the regular meeting and decision making function of the Council on Ministries. With present day church problems special emphasis should be given to stewardship, which is now part of the Council of Ministries.

3. That the Lay Activities work area chairman promote stewardship emphasis as a continuing activity throughout the year as a means of increasing membership participation within the local church. To this end we encourage local churches to use the "Stewardship of Time and Ability" emphasis developed by the General Board of the Laity.

4. That the Annual Meeting commend Miss Bea Shepard for her significant contribution to the ministry of the Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish as a local preacher and her leadership as teacher of a course in lay speaking.

## PENSIONS

1. To the General Board of Pensions and the Division of National Missions that all ministers entering the Alaska Mission during the coming year, 1971-1972, be included in the Minister's Reserve Fund.

2. We recommend that the personal contributions made by each minister to the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund:

(a) Be on the basis of 3% of the Average Salary of the Annual Conference in which he holds membership, and

(b) Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to his Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited thereon, shall be available at the time of his retirement, or to his beneficiary should death precede retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump-sum refund in lieu of additional annuity.

3. That the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75 per member.

4. That should any surplus develop after payment of MPRF, Death Benefit Program, and Clearinghouse, such surplus shall be deposited to the Stabilization Fund of the Pension account of the Alaska Mission.

5. That amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Stabilization Fund.

6. The Alaska Mission will need \$6,186.50 for its pension program for 1972, based on 16 ministers worked out as follows:



The MRPF is based on an average salary of \$5000.

16 ministers — each \$500 = \$8,000.

The Mission Superintendent and Program Director is funded entirely by the National Division.

**Alaska Mission Share:**

$1/3$  of \$350 =  $\$116.66 \times 16 = \$1,866.56$

$1/2$  of 150 =  $75.00 \times 16 = 1,200.00$

<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$3,066.56</u>	3,066.56
Death Benefit Program $\$75.00 \times 16$		1,200.00
Non-funded payments for claimants with		<u>1,920.00</u>
Alaska service		6,186.56*

**TOTAL ALASKA MISSION RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1972 . . . \$6,186.56**

\*The figure may increase or decrease depending on deaths or retirement service years in Alaska for men retiring after June 1, 1971 not now being funded.

**HOSPITAL INSURANCE**

The present Hospital Insurance Program is the "Hospital and Medical Expense Program of the General Board of Pensions."

The plan is fully explained in the folder as revised, effective January 1, 1968, "Hospital and Medical Expense Program" provided by the General Board of Pensions, and "Certificate of Insurance" as provided by Travelers Insurance Company.

We recommend that each person covered become thoroughly familiar with these two documents. Some have been unaware of being eligible to file claims and some hard earned cash has gone by the boards due to failure to file claims.

As of July 1, 1971, the new rate for the family premium will be \$38.20. In spite of the 10% rise in cost over the present rate your committee recommends that we remain in the present program offered to us by the General Board of Pensions. More and more conferences are using this coverage provided through the General Board of Pensions.

We recommend that the mission Administration prepare a report, by February 1, 1972, on the alternatives available.

**BASIC SALARY STRUCTURE**

The Alaska Mission Basic Salary Structure Committee met several times during the year to study and make recommendations

concerning the Alaska Mission Basic Salary structure. On February 25 the committee met in the Mission Office with Dr. Harry Komuro and requested the National Division to consider raising the base salary from \$5500 to \$5800 for the year 1972 and that the \$100 yearly increase in salary for the first three years of Alaska service be extended to include five years. Dr. Komuro said he would take the proposal back to the National Division and let us know at a later date their recommendation.

The following letter was received from Dr. Komuro, dated March 29, 1971:

Dear Brother Ac:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 8 relating to our discussions with the salary study committee in which a request was made to upgrade base salary for 1972 to \$5800 from \$5500 and the extending to \$100 per year increment to five years instead of three years.

Because we know that there will be less income for the Alaskan budget in 1972, I do not see how we can budget beyond the provisions of the increment of \$100 per year for three years. Any consideration of increase of the base and the various differentials cannot be provided by additional appropriations from the Division. If the increase can be carried by the local support, this may be considered. However, if this is difficult, the salary increase should be kept at the present base or at a figure negotiable with the local church.

In discussing total budget with Mr. Adams, he says that increases must come from churches and/or adjustments of program. I hope this may be of some guidance for your meeting on April 16.

Very sincerely yours,  
Harry S. Komuro

On the basis of the above letter we recommended to the World Service and Finance Commission that provision be made in the 1972 budget to make possible moving the base salary from \$5500 to \$5800 by providing a \$1000 subsidy for those non-self supporting churches that cannot quite care for the entire increase. With the cost of living index figured in, churches in the Anchorage Area and Southeast must increase \$390, the Kenai Peninsula Area \$405, Fairbanks Area \$420, and Nome \$480. Pastors in the non-self supporting churches received their last increase in base salary from \$5200 to \$5500 on January 1, 1970.

We would recommend that the basic salary structure chairman lead the Lay Activities and Temporal Economy General Committee in the formulation of policies for action at the 1972 Annual Meeting relating to the establishment of self-supporting churches,

as related to expenses now covered by the National Division, i.e. "outside" vacation trips and other fringe benefits, and relating to means of providing funds for nonself-supported churches.

## COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

### A. General Recommendations

1. We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from conference benevolences or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal shall make audited reports to the commission concerning all receipts and the disbursements thereof in such detail and at such times as the commission may direct." (Pp. 900, Book of Discipline)

2. We require each agency or board receiving Mission funds to submit a record of disbursements at least twice a year: 15 days before the close of the fiscal year (ca. December 15) and 15 days before the first day of Annual Meeting (ca. May 15).

3. We commend those boards and organizations who did early budget preparation, and recommend that all requests for funds be submitted to the Commission at its first pre-conference meeting.

4. We recommend that each year's concluding statistics be the figures used to produce the following year's grade figures for all items of the budget and that total members be the membership figure. Total members should include Associate Members.

5. We recommend that the Alaska Mission office mail quarterly report of all monies appropriated and received to the following: the National Division, the Bishop, and appropriate local church personnel.

6. We recommend that items A, B, and C of the Mission budget be placed on the grade figure system of determining apportionments to each local church in the Mission.

7. We recommend that all cash balances revert to the general funds of A, B, and C of the Mission Budget 15 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.

8. We recommend the vigorous support through the Advance of all the United Methodist institutions in Alaska. We further recommend the observance of a Methodist Institutions in Alaska Sunday.

### B. Specific Recommendations

1. We recommend that churches give serious consideration to securing the service of the Department of Finance and Field Service when planning a debt reduction finance crusade or combination of debt reduction and budget crusade. All Mission churches

in Alaska except those which are self-supporting financially pay one-half of the regular service fee while the Section of Church Extension pays the other half.

2. We recommend that the Mission newsletter include samples of materials to assist local churches with their financial programs.

3. We recommend that each local church conduct a vigorous educational program in the stewardship of life. The proven vehicle for increasing the stewardship of finances is the Every-Member Visitation, and we strongly urge each local church to use whatever resources necessary to work toward a successful EMV.

4. We recommend that the apportionments set by the Council on World Service and Finance and transmitted to the Mission be accepted for the 1972 calendar year, including the \$1,000 apportionment for Ministerial Education.

5. We gratefully commend the churches of the Mission for their faithful and regular payment of all apportionments.

6. We recommend that \$1,354 from unexpended Pension Reserves and \$200 from the Native Children's Fund be used to assist in funding the budget.

7. We recognize that changing priorities in the National Division require the acceptance of increasing financial responsibilities on the part of the Alaska churches and therefore urge the aggressive development of increased local financial support."

8. We recommend that the 1972 Alaska Mission Journal carry a breakdown of ALL the funds expended by the National Board in the Alaska Mission. The list would include such items as salary supplementation, administrative cost of the mission office, moving costs, furlough costs, insurance on church properties, travel, etc.

9. We request that the Annual Meeting of The Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church recommended to the Program Council of the Mission and its Committee on Interpretation that the United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska be included in the institutions that receive funding from the annual offering.

### C. Grade Figure System

Your grade figure was derived by the following formula:

Grade Figure equals Membership Grade Figure plus Local Expense Grade Figure.

Membership Grade Figure equals Total Church Membership divided by Total Alaska Mission Church Membership.

Local Expenses\* Grade Figure equals Individual Church expenditure divided by Total Local Expenditure of all Mission Churches.

\*Local expenses include general church expenditures (excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvements, and benevolences), church school administration, materials and supplies, and locally paid portion of the pastor's salary and travel expense. A comprehensive form will be sent this year to help bring uniformity in reporting local church expenses.



ANNUAL MEETING — DELEGATES AND GUESTS

## PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1972

### A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

	1971 Budget	1972 Requested	1972 Recommended
1. Episcopal Fund An apportionment from General Conference based on 2% of the cash salaries paid minister and associates. This fund provides salaries, housing, office and travel expense for active bishops, pensions for retired bishops and aid for widows and children of deceased bishops.	1,209	1,646	1,646
2. Pension and Death Benefit For the cost of pensions for 16 active ministers and all retired ministers with Alaska Mission Pension claim at \$50.00 rate plus death benefit program for 16 members.	6,809	6,187	6,187
3. Superintendent's Salary, Travel, Car, Entertainment, and Utility Budget The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$3,350 which includes \$11,000 cash salary \$3,100 travel, \$500 entertainment fund, \$900 car, and \$1200 utilities.	3,350	3,350	3,350
4. Program Director's Salary, Travel, Car & Utility Budget	1,000	0	0
5. Alaska Mission Ministerial Support	7,150	12,368	12,368
<b>TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$19,518</b>	<b>\$23,551</b>	<b>\$23,551</b>

### B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION

6. Temporary General Aid Fund An apportionment from General Conference to help equalize salaries and pensions of former Central Jurisdiction members.	537	507	507
7. General Administration Fund Our share of the general administration of our United Methodist Church.	805	805	805
8. Interdenominational Coop. Fund An apportionment from the General Conference for our support of the National & World Council of Churches.	417	417	417
9. Jurisdictional Fund An apportionment for the cost of the Quadrennial Western Jurisdictional Conference.	72	72	72

10. Ministerial Education Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
An apportionment from General Conference started in 1970. It is based on 2% of the non-capital, nonbenevolent expenditures of the local churches of the Annual Conference. This fund is used in support of our seminaries and scholarship assistance. One-fourth of the amount raised remains in the Mission for scholarship aid. The 2% asking from General Conference was considerably larger than the \$1,000, but the \$1,000 figure was agreed upon for 1970-1972.			
11. Bishop's Administration Fund	125	0	0
To assist the Bishop with cost in administering the Alaska Mission.			
12. Mission Office Fund	5,823	5,823	5,823
The National Division supplies all but the proposed \$5,823 for the total budget of \$22,044 which includes rent, operation, and salaries for a bookkeeper and a secretary.			
13. Annual Meeting	1,000	1,000	1,000
The National Division provides \$4,500 in addition to our \$1,000 to care for the cost of Annual Meeting.			
<b>TOTAL CONNECTIONAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$9,779</b>	<b>\$9,624</b>	<b>\$9,624</b>

#### C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

14. World Service	2,775	2,775	2,775
Received an apportionment from the General Conference and accepted by our Mission.			
15. Conference Benevolences			
A. Program Council	6,924	7,379	7,379
See detailed budget for Program Council.			
B. World Service & Finance Comm.	325	400	400
Budget meeting expense			
C. Alaska Methodist University			
D. Jesse Lee Home			
E. L. W. Y. Community Center			
F. Contingency Fund			528
Less:			
Unexpended Reserves	(500)		
Unexpended Reserves			(1,354)
Native Children's Fund			( 200)
	<u>9,524</u>		<u>9,528</u>

## SUMMARY

A. Ministerial Support	\$19,518	\$23,551
B. Connectional Administration	9,779	9,624
C. World Service & Conf. Benevolences	9,524	9,528
<b>TOTAL MISSION BUDGET</b>	<b>\$38,821</b>	<b>\$42,703</b>
Total Budget, 1970	36,113	
7½% increase of 1970	2,708	
Total Budget, 1971	\$38,821	38,821
10% increase of 1971		3,882
Proposed Budget, 1972		\$42,703

## THE PROGRAM COUNCIL PROPOSED SUMMARY BUDGET

	1971		1972	
<b>CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</b>				
Social Concerns	330		435	
Health and Welfare	95		95	
<b>CHRISTIAN NURTURE</b>				
Camping	1600		1800	
Higher Education	400		500	
Audio Visual Library	500		300	
Leadership Education	1200		875	
	<u>3700*</u>	2000	<u>3475**</u>	1825
*Income from other sources \$1700				
**Income from other sources 1650				
Worship	200	200	150	150
		<u>2200</u>		<u>1975</u>
Lay Activities and Temporal Economy	150	150	50	50
<b>CHRISTIAN OUTREACH</b>				
Ecumenical Affairs	2100		1950	
Missions	930		930	
Evangelism	75		(50*)	
	<u>3105</u>	3105	<u>2880</u>	2880
* (\$50 from Evangelism Reserve)				
<b>PROGRAM COUNCIL</b>	800	800	900	900
<b>PASTORS' SCHOOL</b>	700	700	844	844
<b>CONTINGENCY FUND</b>	194	194	200	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>7574</u>		<u>7379</u>



# DETAILED PROPOSED PROGRAM COUNCIL BUDGET — 1972

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SOCIAL CONCERNS

Education	35	
Postage, telephone, etc.	150	
Regional training	150	
Resource persons	100	
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## HEALTH AND WELFARE

Survey & directory for referral services	75	
Exhibits of U. M. in Alaska	20	
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## CHRISTIAN NURTURE

### CAMPING

Nome	200	
Western	700	
Southeast	700	
Central	200	
	<hr/>	1800

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Campus Ministry — Anchorage	500	
Audio Visual Library	300	
Leadership Education		
Youth task force	250	
Resources	150	
Age level work	225	
Summer service	200	
Miscellaneous	50	
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		3475*

\*Income from other sources:

AV Receipts	225
M. Y. Fund Return	25
Advance Specials	1200
Christian Education Sun.	200
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	1650

World Service and Finance asking 1825

WORSHIP	Materials for distribution, Resources for Local Church use.	150
LAY ACTIVITIES & TEMPORAL ECONOMY	Undesignated	50
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH		
ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS	Alaska Council of Churches	1100
	Travel, A.C.C. delegates	500
	Church of the Epiphany	300
	Educational materials	50
MISSION	Travel assistance, work area director, School of Mission	330
	Travel assistance, youth delegates	100
	In School staff expenses	100
	Delegate to International World Mission Conf.	150
	Alaska Mission Interpretation & Promotion	50
	New Work Project	150
	Publicity, School of Mission	50
EVANGELISM		
	(\$50 from reserve)	
PASTORS SCHOOL		844
PROGRAM COUNCIL	Travel and entertainment	800
	Interpretation	100
CONTINGENCY FUND		900
		200
TOTAL BUDGET		\$7379

**ALASKA MISSION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**APPORTIONMENTS — 1972**

	1971 Grade Point	1972 Grade Point	Min. Supp.	Conn. Adm.	World Serv.	TOTAL
<b>CHURCH</b>						
Anchor Park	8.2	8.0	1884	770	762	3416
East Anchorage	3.1	3.2	754	308	305	1367
First, Anchorage	20.7	20.8	4898	2002	1982	8882
Girdwood	.2	.2	47	19	19	85
St. John	2.1	2.5	589	241	238	1068
Turnagain	8.8	7.9	1860	760	753	3373
Chugiak	3.1	3.1	730	298	295	1323
Fairbanks	14.2	15.6	3674	1502	1486	6662
Anchor Point	.3	.2	47	19	19	85
Homer	2.0	2.3	542	221	219	982
Ninilchik	.7	.9	212	87	86	385
Seldovia	.3	.2	47	19	19	85
Douglas	2.6	2.2	518	212	210	940
Juneau	7.2	7.2	1696	693	686	3075
Kenai	4.7	5.2	1225	500	495	2220
North Kenai	1.1	1.3	306	125	124	555
Soldotna	1.7	1.6	377	154	152	683
Ketchikan	9.9	8.8	2072	847	839	3758
Nome	2.9	3.2	754	308	305	1367
Seward	2.9	2.5	589	241	238	1068
Moose Pass	.6	.5	118	48	48	214
Sitka	2.7	2.6	612	250	248	1110
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>23551</b>	<b>9624</b>	<b>9528</b>	<b>42703</b>

# CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

## MISSION

### 1. MODERN MAN: Alvin Toffler in FUTURE SHOCK says,

"It is impossible to produce future shock in large numbers of individuals without affecting the rationality of the society as whole. Today, according to Daniel P. Moynihan, the chief White House Advisor on urban affairs, the United States 'exhibits the qualities of an individual going through a nervous breakdown.'

"The assertion that the world has 'gone crazy,' the graffiti slogan that 'reality is a crutch,' the interest in hallucinogenic drugs, the enthusiasm for astrology and the occult, the search for truth in sensation, ecstasy and 'peak experience,' the swing toward extreme subjectivism, the attacks on science, the snowballing belief that reason has failed man, reflect the everyday experience as masses of ordinary people who find they can no longer cope rationally with change.

"Millions sense the pathology that pervades the air, but fail to understand its roots. These roots lie not in this or that political doctrine, still less in some mystical core of despair or isolation presumed to inhere in the 'human condition.' Nor do they lie in science, technology, or legitimate demands for social change. They are traceable, instead, to the controlled, non-selective nature of our lunge into the future. They lie in our failure to direct, consciously and imaginately, the advance toward super-industrialism." (pp.324-325)

Toffler's proposition sets the stage for "New Machines and the New Humanity," a serious study of modern man and technology to be held at the Alaska Ecumenical School of Mission October 8-10, 1971 at AMU. Sponsored by the Work Area of Missions, the Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church, and other denominations, this year the school is designed to train local church mission study leaders. Mrs. Garlyn Warren, AMU Professor of Mathematics and Computer Management and Miss Ann Eaton of the Women's Division Staff will head this study.

"The New Generation in Africa" and "Gospel of Matthew" are the other studies of the 1971 School with leadership from Mrs. Fred Stassel, Rev. Dale Sarles, Rev. and Mrs. Howard DeVore and Rev. James Simpson.

Be it resolved that every United Methodist Church of the Alaska Mission engage in mission in 1972 by:

a. Sending adult and youth mission study leaders to the Alaska Ecumenical School of Mission for preparation, and

b. In a small group or church-wide conduct a local church study in each area:

1. The New Generation in Africa
2. New Machines and New Man
3. The Gospel of Matthew

c. Whenever possible, these studies shall be planned, led, and carried out cooperatively with other denominations in the community.

2. Advance Specials: Recognizing that voluntary and designated benevolence represented by "Advance Specials" has been a chief source of funding for the Alaska Mission and Alaska United Methodist Institutions which brought great progress and development and that receipts of Advance Specials give evidence of need for more intense cultivation;

Be is resolved that the churches of the Alaska Mission support the cause of Advance Specials by:

a. Choosing a National Division Advance Special for support in 1972 and being aware that those within Alaska listed below do qualify.

b. Choosing a World Division Advance Special for support in 1972 with the particular attention to the needs of Africa.

c. Freeing the local pastor for an additional week during the biannual vacation-furlough for the purpose of Advance Special cultivation in his home conference. (A recent change in World Division policy makes this possible for their missionaries and suggests a pattern for us.)

d. Encouraging and providing information to lay people on vacation in other states to give time for itineration in local churches or conferences on behalf of the Alaska Mission.

3. Be it resolved that Alaska Churches support by Advance Specials the following qualifying United Methodist Institutions within Alaska:

- a. Any of the non-self supporting local churches.
- b. Alaska Children's Services (Jesse Lee Home).
- c. Nome Community Center.
- d. Nome Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital.
- e. Seward Hospital for Chronic Diseases.
- f. United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska.
- g. Alaska Methodist University.
- h. Birchwood Camp.
- i. Southeastern Alaska United Methodist Camp.

4. Be it resolved that the Alaska Mission support with leadership, funds as designated in the proposed budget, and participation the 1972 Alaska Ecumenical School of Mission. And, further, it shall be represented by the Mission Superintendent, Program Director, Chairman Work Area of Mission, Missionary Secretary, two other members of the Section on Outreach appointed by the chairman, and officers of the Alaska Women's Society of Christian Service.

5. Be it resolved that the Alaska Mission through the Division of Interpretation seek to invite and itinerate a World Division Missionary in local churches of the state for the purpose of mission cultivation and understanding.

6. In view of Alaska's promising future growth and development in all areas and the implications of this development for the United Methodist Church in Alaska, we request the Program Council to assume responsibility for a major two year evaluation study, including proposed projections and goals, of all the work of the Alaska Mission. The Program Council is to bring an interim report to the 1972 Annual Meeting and a final comprehensive plan for United Methodist Development and strategy for the next quadrennium to the 1973 Annual Meeting.

We suggest that the Program Council call on Richard Gilbert as a consultant for the task at least during the first year of the study, due to his expertise in process education and planning and on the staff of the Department of Research and Planning of the National Division and other General Boards and other staff of the several General Boards and Agencies throughout the project.

## EVANGELISM

Charles Horner, Chairman

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Annual Meeting express appreciation to the General Board of Evangelism and to its department of Koinonia Ministries for their counsel and support in the development of lay witness mission in Alaska.

2. That the Annual Meeting express a resolution of appreciation to Vance Archer, Jack Dew, and Jack Archer for their primary role in introducing the Lay Witness Mission movement to Alaska.

3. That the Alaska Mission pledge its support to work in the events of "Key 73," a program that will unite scores of denominations in North America in an effort to "confront every person in North America more fully and more forcefully with the gospel of Jesus Christ."

4. That priority consideration be given to the development of lay leadership, the evangelism outreach of the Alaska Mission and

that primary consideration be given to training Alaskan laymen both as coordinators for lay witness missions and as lay speakers.

## ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

Ruth Popejoy, Chairman

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That local United Methodist Churches promote the involvement of their laity in the study of Living Room Dialogues (I, II or III) recognizing that these study groups are valuable opportunities for Protestant-Orthodox-Catholic dialogue and understanding.

2. That each local United Methodist Church examine the COCU plan of union by using the study materials that have been provided and return the response sheet so that their opinion can be known.

3. It has now been several years since the publication of the Order for Proclamation of the Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion by the Consultation on Church Union. There have been some commendable efforts in the use of this Order and suggestions for revision through the Alaska Mission. All congregations are urged to make increasing use of the Order in frequently arranged ecumenical affairs.

4. Recommended that each church in the Alaska Mission have at least one pulpit exchange with a COCU affiliated church during 1972, especially on COCU Sunday if at all possible.

5. That local churches call on Dr. Robert Nelson as a key resource person in the area of ecumenical affairs due to his specialized training at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches.

6. That special commendation be expressed to the pastors and congregations of Trinity United Presbyterian and Turnagain United Methodist Churches for their pioneering work in the establishment of the Jewel Lake United Parish, a union church that may well serve as a model for further ecumenical cooperation in Alaska.

We recommend that the leaders of the three ecumenical parishes involving Methodist Churches meet during the year to discuss the potential developmental patterns and programs of ecumenical parishes, and that they report pertinent items to the 1972 meeting of the Mission Conference.

7. That special recognition be given to Amos J. Alter for his chairmanship of the Restructure Study Committee of the Alaska Council of Churches. Be it further resolved that the Annual Meeting designate the Program Council, as the executive committee of the Mission, to act in its stead in the study, and acceptance or rejection of the proposed constitution and bylaws for more inclusive ecumenical organization drafted by this committee; the Program

Council would then give counsel to the Alaska Mission delegation to the 14th Assembly of the Alaska Council of Churches regarding the adoption of the proposed constitution and formation of the new ecumenical organization that would replace the Alaska Council of Churches. Before the Program Council takes action, it must secure and consider the opinions and reactions of the local churches.

## PETITIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. WHEREAS, The Judicial Council Decision No. 341 regarding the ruling of Bishop Palmer on membership in the Alaska Mission Annual Meeting has resulted in the decision of the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church that those agencies not related administratively to the Alaska Mission and to the Unit of Special Ministries can not have representatives to the Annual Meeting except through the privilege of the floor but without vote.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Annual Meeting that these United Methodist agencies in the State of Alaska be allowed to have some relationship to the Alaska Mission of The United Methodist Church, so that we could be more effective in our co-operative efforts to serve Christ in this time and in this place.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the leadership of the Alaska Mission work out with the National Division a petition to General Conference in 1972 which would amend or replace the Disciplinary Provisions relating to mission conferences and/or missions, so that the above designated agencies would be able to have a more official relationship to the Annual Meeting and to the Alaska Mission.

Specifically, this would mean amending or changing Paragraph 1336.2 of the United Methodist Discipline and related provisions, to reflect the idea that the mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of those currently mentioned, plus those elders and deacons related to United Methodist agencies within the bounds of the mission, etc.

Committee concurred 3 to 1.

Annual Meeting concurred unanimously.

2. We petition the General Conference of the United Methodist Church to give the mission conferences under its jurisdiction a lay and clergy voice in the decisions made by the National Board of Missions concerning the development of these missions, the shifts of priorities in appropriating of funds, the cuts or advances of funds in the support of the mission. This voice should be implemented in the following ways:

1. That lay and clergy delegates from each mission be given full voice and vote at meetings of the Board where decisions are made concerning the future of these missions.



2. That when a shift in priorities of the total budget dictate cuts in or advances in appropriations to the conferences or missions, that the conferences or missions be notified one year in advance of the cuts or advances before the cuts or advances in appropriations, and that they be given opportunity in their annual meetings to make the decisions as to the areas of cut or advance in their own program.

Committee voted "do not concur" 3 to 1.

Annual Meeting did not support "do not concur" or "concur", so no position was taken on the issue.

3. Whereas, the 1968 Western Jurisdictional Conference rejected our request for a missionary bishop for the Alaska Mission and,

Whereas, it was made clear at that conference that the traditions and practices of United Methodism do not provide for this concept,

Be it resolved that we petition General Conference to make a special provision for the assignment of a Missionary Bishop for the Alaska Mission and that General Conference direct the Western Jurisdictional Conference to elect the same, in 1972.

Committee voted concurrence 3 to 1.

Annual Meeting voted concurrence 18-15.

4. We petition the General Conference to instruct the Nominating Committee of the Board of Missions to nominate and elect representatives with full voice and vote from the Alaska Mission, Indian Mission and Puerto Rico Mission Conference to said Board and Committees which deal with their specific areas of concern.

Committee votes concurrence 5 to 0.

Annual Meeting voted concurrence.

## **JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISION ON BISHOP PALMER'S RULING**

The following decision was received in the Mission Office on May 4, 1971, in response to the 1970 Annual Meeting request for a decision on Bishop Palmer's ruling.

### **DECISION NO. 341**

**In Re: RULING BY BISHOP EVERETT W. PALMER ON MEMBERSHIP IN ALASKA MISSION ANNUAL MEETING.**

### **DIGEST**

The ruling of Bishop Everett W. Palmer that those ministers on special appointment for work within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission had the full privileges of membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission is not sustained.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

During the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission held, June 1-4, 1970, the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer ruled that those ministers under special appointment for work within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission had the full privileges of membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission. On June 4, 1970 the annual meeting voted to request a ruling of the Judicial Council in regard to Bishop Palmer's ruling.

## JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is accepted under Paragraph 1711 of the Discipline.

## ANALYSIS

The matter in question is primarily that of which ministers who are Annual Conference members may be regarded as members of the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission with full privileges of membership. Secondly, it has to do with which ministers who are Annual Conference members serving under special appointment within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission are entitled to fully privileged membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission.

With particular and specific reference to "Administration of a Mission," Paragraph 1336 states that administration of a Mission in the United States or its territories shall be in the National Division of the Board of Missions until requirements have been met for the organization of a Provisional or an Annual Conference (section 1). Further, Paragraph 1336.2 states: "The Mission shall meet annually and shall be composed of all regularly appointed missionaries (emphasis added), both lay and clerical, mission traveling preachers, and other lay members." At this point, it is to be noted that according to Paragraph 374 mission traveling preachers, deacons, and elders, are distinguished from traveling preachers who are members of an Annual Conference in that they are members of a Mission without being members of an Annual Conference.

With particular reference to the regularly appointed missionaries who qualify for membership in the annual meeting of a Mission, Paragraph 1323.4 defines "Home Missionaries" (under which heading those serving within the boundaries of the Alaskan Mission are classifiable), as persons married or single who, having met the requirements of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, are commissioned by a bishop for service in projects or programs administratively related to the National Division. In regards to the assignment of missionaries within a Mission the Discipline (Par. 1336.4 specifies that the presiding officer is to assign missionaries provided that no missionary shall be transferred to or from a Mission without previous consultation with the National Division. Paragraph 390.4 further provides that the bishop is to

fix the appointment of preachers in Missions as the Discipline may direct. Paragraph 1318 states: "The Associate General Secretary of the National Division shall communicate to the bishops such information as may be available concerning missions and the appointment of workers in their respective areas."

Again, with respect to the administration of a Mission and to the assignment of missionaries, the Discipline, Paragraph 1307.1, places administration in the hands of the National Division; and in Paragraph 1307.10, it sets forth National Division responsibility to include that of accepting for assignment to its various fields of service, upon recommendation of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, missionaries and deaconesses who have been approved by the Board of Missions.

The disciplinary references and citations seem to be clear in specifying that the National Division is the primary party in the administration of a Mission; that membership of an Annual Conference, ministerial member, in the annual meeting of a Mission is restricted to those who are missionaries according to the disciplinary definition; and that assignment of missionaries by a bishop is to be made in consultation with the National Division.

Bishop Palmer's ruling appears to have been based upon an assumption that all ministerial Annual Conference members serving within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission were automatically members of the Mission's annual meeting. Such an assumption is erroneous in view of Paragraph 1323.4b which defines "home missionaries," and in view of Paragraph 1336.2 which restricts membership in the present instance to ministers who are missionaries. Therefore, the bishop's ruling can be sustained only to the extent that any and all ministers with membership in an Annual Conference and involved in the case were duly assigned and appointed missionaries, having first been approved by the National Division.

Since the issue here includes "ministers on special appointment," reference is made to Paragraph 352 of the Discipline, and it would seem that similar limitations should be imposed on the appointment of ministers at the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission. If the appointment in Alaska meets the requirements of Paragraph 352, and the appointee qualifies under Paragraphs 1323.4b and 1336.2, then such an appointee does qualify for membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission, whose presiding bishop has made that appointment.

Membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission by ministers who hold membership in an Annual Conference, and who are classifiable under the heading of "special appointment," is restricted to those who meet two prior requirements: (1) They must be home missionaries by definition; and (2) they must be engaged in work approved by the National Division.

Insofar as Bishop Palmer's ruling granted membership to anyone who did not meet the two foregoing requirements, his ruling is

not sustained. Conversely, his ruling is affirmed in any and all instances in which appointees met the two requirements.

### DECISION

The ruling of Bishop Everett W. Palmer that those ministers on special appointment for work within the boundaries of the Alaska Mission had the full privileges of membership in the annual meeting of the Alaska Mission is hereby not sustained.

Murray H. Leiffer  
President, Judicial Council

April 24, 1971

Kathryn M. Grove  
Secretary, Judicial Council

### STATEMENT BY DR. HARRY KOMURO

#### Membership in the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission Paragraph 1336-2

The Alaska Mission is administered by the Unit of Special Ministries of the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. The members of the Annual Meeting are persons representing the churches of the Alaska Mission and administratively related to the above Unit of Special Ministries of the National Division.

There are other projects related to the National Division but which are not administratively related to the Alaska Mission and the Unit of Special Ministries. These projects historically, have reported to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission for information and have been included in the minutes of the Meeting. These projects are related to the several other Departments of the National Division administratively as follows: A.M.U. to the Educational Work; M.M.M. Hospital and Nome Community Center, and Wesleyan Hospital to Medical Services; and Jesse Lee Home to Homes and Residences. These agencies are directly responsible to the National Division through these several administrative units.

Until such time as these agencies can be administratively related to the Alaska Mission and the Unit of Special Ministries of the National Division, the participation of those persons representing these agencies should be restricted to the privilege of the floor but without vote. They should be restricted from chairmanship of standing committees and eligibility for election to the Jurisdictional Conference.

It would be our recommendation that these persons be urged to attend the Annual Meeting and also the Pastors' School each year for fellowship and enrichment, either at the expense of the agency or that of the Alaska Mission.

It would be our recommendation that the National Division be urged to work out with the leadership of the Mission and the other agencies in Alaska a petition to General Conference which would make possible the inclusion of all Methodist agencies in the state of Alaska for some relationship to the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church. This should be explored.

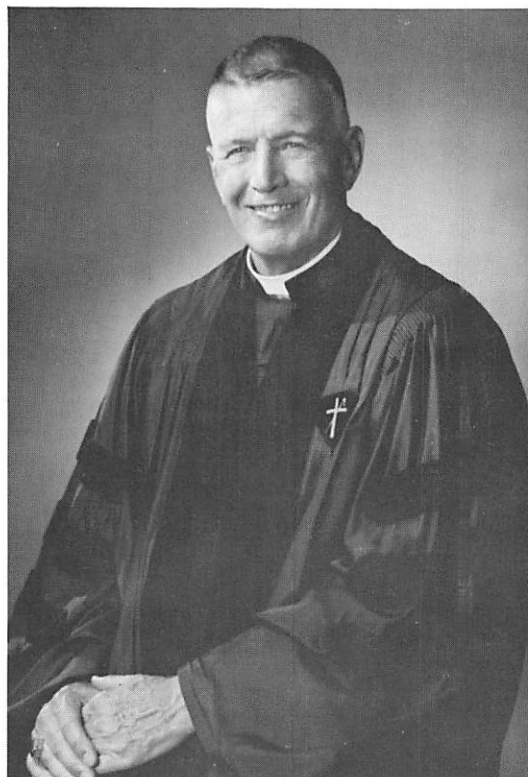
**BISHOP SPARKS' SUMMARY OF  
DR. HARRY KOMURO'S STATEMENT REGARDING  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
ALASKA MISSION**

It seems to the chair that in this presentation there has been, first of all, a spelling out of what the judicial decision means in terms of the whole coverage of United Methodism within this state. Secondly, it seems to the chair that Dr. Komuro has provided a viable way in which we can live with this kind of decision for the present. And then, thirdly, it seems to me that he is suggesting to us here in this Annual Meeting that we may want to lead forth in some kind of petition through the National Division to the General Conference that what Bishop Palmer undoubtedly had in mind when he made his decision, and what undoubtedly we think about as the United Methodist family in this whole state, can be brought under a kind of umbrella that will make it possible for these folks to be included (I mean the folks that are restricted by this decision to be included) within the active voting family of the Alaska Mission at the Annual Meeting. These seem to me to be the three steps that have been set forth, and it is brought to us for our consideration.

**In Memory of  
BISHOP GLENN RANDALL PHILLIPS**

Elected and consecrated a Bishop at the 1948 Western Jurisdictional Conference he served until retirement in 1964 in the Denver area with an additional ten months of interim service in the Portland area subsequent to the death of Bishop A. Raymond Grant. He presided over the 1968 Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission. Gifted with a brilliant and judicious mind along with the warmth of a pastoral heart Bishop Phillips exemplified in his life and labors a good minister of Jesus Christ.

by Bishop W. Maynard Sparks



In Memory of  
**BISHOP EVERETT W. PALMER**

Preacher, author and administrator Everett W. Palmer was elected to the episcopacy in 1960 and became the first bishop of the newly created Seattle area. In 1968 he was assigned to the Portland area. Marked with tenderness, compassion, limitless vitality and an invincible spirit to reach the goal and fulfill the purpose of his calling he distinguished himself as a responsible episcopal leader in the northwest where he gave more than a decade of service. He will ever be remembered as a man among men, a man for all seasons, caught up in the mystery of being God's man. In lines long to be remembered lifted from his Christmas sermon only a few days before his death we hear him call to us gathered in this Annual Meeting:

*"So when the last hill is climbed and our brief  
is spent, we can know we have given ourselves  
for a cause worthy of our best, a Lord worthy  
our love."*

by Bishop W. Maynard Sparks

# REPORTS

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ac C. Wischmeier

Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, Members and Friends of the 30th Session of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Mission and 4th Annual Meeting of the United Methodist Church.

On a bulletin board at the mission station school in Mrewa, Rhodesia, were these words:

To live and deny life to others is BARBARIAN

To live and let live is PAGAN

To live and help others to live is CHRISTIAN

It has been our incentive, hope and prayer this year that we all live and help others to live in the spirit of the risen Christ.

## BISHOP PALMER'S DEATH JANUARY 5, 1971

Alaska Methodists lost a real friend and vigorous leader in the untimely death of Bishop Everett W. Palmer while on a happy holiday in Palm Springs, California, where he had gone for a few days of relaxation. He was one of those rare and magnificent souls with great vision and compassion. He dreamed great dreams for Alaska and kept in touch at all times with its progress in every field. He was a firm believer in the contribution to society that a church related university could make. He was a real inspiration to the board of trustees of Alaska Methodist University as he served as president of its board of directors.

Bishop W. Maynard Sparks was assigned by the Council of Bishops to assume responsibility for the remainder of the quadrennium for the Oregon-Idaho Conference and the Alaska Mission along with his episcopal supervision of the Seattle Area. We are most grateful to Bishop Sparks for his warm interest, wise counsel, and willingness to give of himself to be of service to us in Alaska.

## VICTORY IN SPITE OF FINANCIAL CRISIS

This has been a year that has tested the fortitude of the Mission. A year ago at the Annual Meeting we were faced with reducing the recommended 1971 Mission budget by \$44,375 due largely to the sharp fall in Advance Specials and the 1970 General Conference shift in priority in spending regular mission dollars. This was a painful process. Every area of mission life felt the cuts. We combined Soldotna and North Kenai into a larger parish and did the same for Douglas and Juneau, thus reducing our regular appointed missionaries from 20 to 18.

When all cuts were made we needed \$10,860 new money to balance the 1971 Mission budget plus the special fund of \$500 pledged by the ministers' wives. This looked like an almost impossible task since the increase in self support from the nine non-self-supporting parishes the previous year was \$1,900. The churches have increased their giving for the 1971 budget by \$5,547 and the six self-supporting churches have pledged \$5,560 for a total of \$11,197. I congratulate every church for its splendid response to the Mission need by helping to turn a financial crisis into a victory.

## THE PAST YEAR

Your Mission Superintendent and his wife have appreciated the warm, cordial and thoughtful hospitality each parsonage family has extended to us as we visit from parish to parish. We have enjoyed the opportunity to share the commodious facilities of the Mission House with so many guests. Throughout the year 302 beds have been provided and 673 meals served. In administering the Mission I have taken 64 flights traveling 33,717 air miles and have driven the Mission car 12,550 miles. I continue to appreciate the loyalty, counsel, and experience of our secretary-book-keeper, Marybeth Sturgis who is now in her sixth year of service to the Mission and our congenial and efficient office secretary, Patricia Kirton who has been with us since last July.

Since the Alaska Mission is being reduced another \$15,000 in financial support from the National Division for 1972 it has become necessary to discontinue a full time director of the Program Council and Walt Hays will accept an appointment to a church at this Annual Meeting. Part of the work Walt has been doing will be shared by two pastors in the Anchorage area.

The Mission will greatly miss Walt Hays who has served us for eight years, first as youth and educational director and for the past two years as Program Council director. During this time, 1967-1971 he was President of the Alaska Council of Churches. The leadership, impact and contribution Walt has made to the Alaska Mission, the Alaska Christian Community and State as he



has shared his many talents, enthusiasm and concerns is deeply appreciated.

We are indeed grateful for the continual guidance and encouragement given the Mission by Dr. Harry Komuro and Rev. Albert Adams of the Special Ministry department of the National Division. Harry was able to spend ten days in Alaska in February and together we made contact with all the pastors, Methodist institutions, and many of the churches. Others visiting the Mission have been Dr. Edwin Maynard, editorial writer, Division of Interpretation, Program Council; Rev. David Blackburn, Western Jurisdictional Field Representative of the Advance; Miss Ruth Collins, Southeast Field Representative of the Women's Society of Christian Service; Mr. Vance Archer of the Department of the Lay Witness; Dr. Maurice Bone, a consultant in camping; and Miss Betty Letzig, staff representative of the Section of Social Welfare, Medical and Educational Work of the National Division.

Early in June we welcomed Beverly Whitehead and family as they joined Tom who had preceded the family to attend the Annual Meeting. Also in June Kathleen and Bruce Bartel arrived in Anchorage to start their work as associate at First Church, Anchorage. On September 12, 1970, David William came to make his home with William and Danita Trudeau. Our love and best wishes to Mona and Leo Cramer as they complete eight years of service in the Mission and are returning to the Western Pennsylvania Conference for appointment.

This fall Rev. and Mrs. Robert Fulton joined the staff of Alaska Children's Services and were stationed at Unalaska. Jesse Lee Home has been fortunate in securing the services this year of Miss Ruth Pope, Deaconess Emeritus, with many years of service with the National Division. It has just been learned that Jean Morgan, Deaconess for eleven years at Jesse Lee Home, will be leaving soon for a new assignment in the "lower 48".

On January 31, 1971 your superintendent had the pleasure of conducting the consecration service for the new educational addition of the Church of the New Covenant in Kenai.

There was an excellent response to the workshop on the Church and Chemical Comforter World sponsored ecumenically through our General Commission on Christian Social Responsibility February 15-16 in Anchorage. This was immediately followed by the Pastors' and Wives' Retreat February 17-19 at Alyeska, ably deaned by Rev. David Fison with Rev. Cyril Dorsett, District Superintendent of the Salem Central District in Oregon, as retreat leader.

We are proud that Dr. Robert Nelson was one of twenty selected world-wide to study for five months at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches at the Chateau de Bossey and that his wife, Norma, could share this experience.

On February 8-12 in Oklahoma City a very significant regional conference on educational ministry with youth was held. We had a team of three in attendance composed of Jim LaBau, coordinator of youth work in Southeast Alaska; Rev. James Fellers, pastor of the Soldotna North Star Parish; and Charles Horner, Jr., youth representative from Ketchikan. The team is to be commended for the fine program they have outlined to be developed in the Alaska Mission.

We rejoice with two more of our pastors' wives, Lydia Hays and Betty DeVore, who graduate from AMU this Sunday with top scholastic honors. Lydia will receive a Master of Arts in Teaching and Betty a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Mission pastors serving nonself-supporting churches have been on the same salary base of \$5,500 since January 1, 1970. We are all aware that inflation reduces a salary if it does not keep up to the increase in the cost of living. Your salary structure committee recommends the base be increased from \$5,500 to \$5,800 and the \$100 per year for Alaska service for a maximum of three years be increased to five. The National Division has approved a base salary of \$5,800 provided that the Alaska Mission underwrite the entire cost. The World Service and Finance Committee has taken this into consideration in their 1972 budget recommendations.

## SIX ALASKA MISSION PROJECTS

This has been a critical year for AMU. With the death of Bishop Palmer the University lost his vigorous leadership as President of its board of trustees just after a three million dollar national campaign was launched and a million dollar Advance Special project was started in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Money realized from these sources was to help correct the financial problems of the university. By mid-January President Fred McGinnis resigned effective February 1, 1971 after serving eleven years to become Commissioner of Health and Welfare in the Governor's Cabinet. To worsen the situation the State Legislature waited until the closing days of the session to fund the student tuition equalization bill and contractual bill passed a year ago. In the closing hours of the session it extended for one more year contractual services while a study is made how best to care for the needs of private education in the state. Dr William Davis was appointed acting president while a presidential search committee was appointed to recommend to the Board of Trustees a new president.

Last November the voters of Alaska authorized six million dollars for a joint library facility to be built on AMU property adjoining Anchorage Community College. Ground will be broken for this new consortium arrangement in a few days.

# ENROLLMENT REPORT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1970-71

## Part-time Students

	Fall 1970	Spring 1971
On-campus day program	52	39
On-campus evening program	150	183
Fort Richardson Extension	114	210
Sheldon Jackson Extension	3	12
Head Start Extension	87	6
EPDA Extension	—	—
Dillingham Extension	48	26
Naknek Extension	—	18
Juneau Extension	—	6
Teacher Corps Extension	—	59
Off-campus studies	—	3
Total part-time students	454	562

## Full-time Students

On-campus	448	434
Study abroad	5	2
Total full-time students	453	436

Total number of different students enrolled 907 996

Total full-time equivalency (based on total credit hours divided by average course load of 4 courses — 16 sem. hrs.) 562 561

Early last fall Jesse Lee Home, the Lutheran Youth Center and the Anchorage Children's Christian Home completed merger into a new ecumenical comprehensive child welfare corporation known as Alaska Children's Services, Inc. They have expanded their work to develop a branch of their service at Unalaska. They are experimenting to see if it is possible to care for children and family needs in the local setting rather than bring the children to the service center in Anchorage.

The Nome Community Center's central building was remodeled by late summer to accomodate a director with a family. The Community Center bylaws were drastically revised to give the Center a new direction in programming and service. Eighty per cent of the new board of directors are native. Bill Trudeau, the director, has worked diligently with his new board in developing new programs with the aid of the \$60,000 Fund for Reconciliation and the \$55,000 grant from the State of Alaska for an alcohol rehabilitation program. Mr. Herval Hensley, a local resident and former director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps, has been hired as recreation director. Other staff positions will soon be filled. The Center is assuming a new role as an umbrella agency and under it Nome

Receiving Home Corporation will be able to negotiate a loan to construct needed facilities.

After nearly two years of work a set of bylaws has been developed for our United Campus Ministry on the campus of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. A copy for the approval of our Annual Meeting is found in your workbook. Our ecumenical "presence ministry" is gaining acceptance both by students and faculty and we commend Dr. Robert Nelson and Sister Judith Morin for their team ministry. A similar cooperative ministry is envisioned for Anchorage Community College and AMU but efforts to proceed have not materialized due to lack of adequate financing. This important opportunity for ministry must soon find a solution. Rev. Howard DeVore has served this year as chaplain at AMU and new patterns of religious activities have tried.

A year ago Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital at Nome was in serious financial difficulties and there was a real question whether it could continue to operate. Today the hospital is operating in the black and we all rejoice. What has happened to make this possible is too long a story to relate here. Much credit is to be given to Mr. Sam Buck, our administrator, the Alaska Area Native Health Service, the Alaska Department of Health and Welfare's new "full cost of care" policy and the newly formed Norton Sound Health Corporation.

Bids were opened Monday, May 17, for a new addition to Wesleyan Hospital for Chronic Diseases, in Seward, which, when completed, will give the hospital a total of sixty-four beds. With money on hand plus a grant of \$600,000 from the State, the new hospital wing plus some remodeling can be done for a cost of \$745,250.

## DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

Ralph Waldo Emerson once summed up the meaning of faith, "Any fool can do the things that he can do. It takes a man of faith to do the things that he can't do." Turnagain United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian launched out in faith to revive a closed Presbyterian Church and reopen it as a cooperative mission venture of the two churches in the context of a larger parish. Sunday, May 16, the Jewel Lake Parish Church was chartered with fifty members. The bylaws of this new kind of church may become a pattern for other cooperative ventures.

As new subdivisions continue to develop in Anchorage and the surrounding area our six United Methodist Churches have proved to be well placed to serve the growing need. South of Campbell Lake between the Seward Highway and the bay several large trailer courts have sprung up over night and Bayshore West, a highly planned self contained city with a potential of 10,000 to 12,000 population, is in the process of development. We have no church well located to serve this area. Experience tells us that it is wiser to start a church

in the early beginnings of a major development than to become interested later. With this in mind, this new area will be assigned to the St. John Parish for pastoral cultivation.

The Session for the Wasilla Presbyterian Church has requested the Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church to recognize the Wasilla Presbyterian Church as designated representative of the United Methodist Church in the Wasilla Area. This request has been granted.

Rev. Gordon L. Corbett, Synod Executive for the Presbyterian Synod of Kentucky, has been named Associate Synod Executive for the Seattle Synod assigned to work in Alaska with residency in Anchorage. I am pleased to announce that Rev. Corbett will share office space with us as we have worked out a new three year lease at our present location starting July 1, 1971. Our present space will be remodeled and redecorated to fit our new needs.

The Alaska Council of Churches in its 1970 Annual Meeting authorized to devise a structure that would better serve our present needs and make possible a more inclusive membership. After a year's study the committee chairman, Amos Alter, reported to the 1971 Annual Assembly of the Council certain principles and guidelines for restructuring. With these approved the committee was continued for another year to finish the job by the 1972 Annual Assembly. Your Methodist delegation will share a progress report with the Christian Outreach legislative Committee with recommendations for action by our Annual Meeting.

The Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish has pioneered two significant programs this year worthy of note. They took the initiative to secure Miss Jean Davis for a year under the United Methodists in Voluntary Service program. Since its inception two years ago, 743 youth have volunteered for service. The pastor and lay pastor, Bea Shepard, have conducted an excellent Lay Speaker course from which nine men and women were issued Lay Speaker certificates.

The Alaska Mission pledged \$10,677.70 to the Fund for Reconciliation. We have paid \$5,504.33 leaving \$5,173.27 to be collected by December 31, 1972. Since June 1, 1970, we have received \$1,581.75. If we are to make good our pledge we must keep this important course before our people. Half of the funds collected remain in the Mission, and this Annual Meeting should recommend the use of these funds. With our special emphasis this year on Race Relations Sunday, our Alaska Mission's contribution went up from last year's offering of \$268.02 to \$430.09.

Significant building developments are taking place at our Birchwood and Southeastern Camps. Birchwood is in the process of completing a new caretaker's cabin and a shower house, and Southeastern is making improvements in their main lodge.

## Membership    Evangelism    Our Lay Witness Mission

Twenty-one churches, eighteen missionary families, worked for a year in Alaska, and our net membership gain for 1970 was 49. Total members received for the year was 350 and of that number 247 were by transfer and 103 on confession of faith; 123 were removed by Charge Conference action, 163 by transfer and 15 by death. On an average, 21 churches won 5 persons on confession of faith. Probably 80% of those joining on confession of faith came from our youth membership classes, which means that each church on the average won one adult during the year. I am as aware as you are that statistics do not tell the entire story, and our goal is not simply to add names to a church roll for a statistical showing, but it does make us stop and think and evaluate.

Bishop Stephen Neill brings us up short by saying, "It is not permitted for a minister to say, 'I am not an evangelist . . .' The minister is ordained for the purpose of bringing men and women to Christ; if he is not doing it, it is questionable whether he ought to be in the ministry at all. Equally, it is not open for a layman to say, 'I cannot be an evangelist.' If he is a Christian he must be a witness; if he is not willing to be a witness, it is time he gives up calling himself a Christian."

Since March 19, fifty-seven adult and youth Lay Witness Missioners from all over the "lower 48" have shared their love, witness, concern and joy with six of our churches: Fairbanks, Seward, Anchorage First, and the Kenai Parish. Forty-one adults and youth in Alaska have shared their new fresh witness in missions outside their home church. We have been witnessing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Amazing transformations have taken place in individual as well as the corporate life of these six churches.

Thank God for this lay movement. When a layman can say that Christ has changed his life and talk about it simply and directly, it carries an impact which most of our preaching has lacked. This is contagious.

This personal faith must be cultivated and deepened. It is heartening to me to see the formation of small study and prayer groups, renewed interest in Bible study, a new willingness of members to serve, more concern for people and a deepening interest in total stewardship. I believe that people are hungry for loving relationships.

The personal and corporate commitments resulting from the various Lay Witness Missions can easily be lost unless we provide our people a way in which they can continue to grow and deepen their faith and develop a theological base which will give meaning and direction to the warmth and joy of their hearts.

We are anticipating Key 73, which is the name given to an exciting, broad based, evangelistic emphasis designed to make a united Christian impact on the life of the entire North American continent leading up to and during the year 1973. We will be hearing more about this program.  
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### CONCLUSION

James Russell Lowell borrowed from Shakespeare, but added insight, when he wrote, "Truly there is a tide in the affairs of men, but there is no gulf-stream settling forever in one direction. Each year we find new currents, new shallows and shoals, new depths, new fishing grounds, changing currents of wind and wave. Sometimes we are adrift, sometimes dragging anchor, sometimes enjoying the calm of a sunlit harbor. But our task is not merely to understand the tides, nor to know the charts, but to set sail - - sometimes with a clear destination, sometimes into the unknown, and sometimes against the current: to push out into the deep, with confidence in Him whose Spirit moves over the waters." Let us set sail with confidence in Him whose Spirit moves over the waters.



Honoring Walt Hays (with Hays, Sparks, Wischmeier and Yackel)

## Director of the Program Council

WALTER L. HAYS, JR.

This report marks the end of eight years of service in the Alaska Mission in the specialized capacity of Executive Secretary of the Board of Education and for the past two years as Director of the Program Council.

First, I would like to comment on some major aspects of this year's program:

The major event of this year's program had to be the four lay witness missions that were held in our churches in Fairbanks, Seward, Anchorage, and the Kenai Parish. It is a great joy to see a cadre of youth and adults from our churches that are now able to go out to other churches to witness to their faith. I have to admit that I was skeptical when I first heard about the program but after attending three of the missions myself and working closely with the coordinators and individual witnesses as we designed mid - week opportunities for them to share between the weekend events, I can testify to the powerful renewing effect these simple sharing experiences have had on our churches and the groups they visited.

I feel that the Program Council has developed strength as the executive arm of the mission this year. Two important printed resources were produced under the council's guidance - - one that interpreted World Service and the needs of our institutions for our special Advent Sunday offering and one to list advance special needs of the mission.

Three summer service teams from Illinois, Georgia, and Centenary College in Shreveport, La. gave a boost to our summer program in projects in Sitka, Juneau, and Anchorage. The teams tackled several roofing, painting, and maintenance projects and provided leadership for a variety of Vacation Church School and recreation programs.

A team of three Alaskans (one pastor, one layman, and one youth) were trained in design of youth ministry this past winter; they have developed an excellent projection for training youth and adults in designing youth ministries for the local church. Another bright spot in youth ministry has been the development of an annual holiday youth convocation in Southeastern Alaska; this past year's "convo" showed good planning, solid content and broad ecumenical support; the "convo" began as a United Methodist retreat in 1965.

Many new resources have been added to the AV library - - especially in the area of audio cassettes and photo-visuals.

Secondly, this has been a unique year for me; I have traveled nearly as much as I have in years past and there have been several distinct "first" in my own ministry: my first cover photo was published on the Wesley V-VI (Fall - "70") United Methodist curriculum, I made my debut as a national radio reporter this past



August covering the Orthodox canonization events from Kodiak for Ecumedia News of New York, I appeared for the first time on network TV with Senator Gravel and an officer of the United Church of Christ this past November in a discussion of the importance of the native land claims' settlement. (CBS - LOOK UP AND LIVE), a first major article was published (the chapter on "Religion" in the basic reference volume ALASKA SURVEY AND REPORT 1970-71) and I engaged in a marathon three week sensitivity training exercise (I took care of my three sons while my wife toured Japan). I am ready for "Seconds" on any of the above "first" experience except the latter.

I was also pleased to spend several days this year as part of the leadership team for the Alaska Section of the White House Conference On Youth and the Anchorage and state-wide componets of the White House Conference On Children.

Thirdly, I would like to share some of the highlights of my eight years of specialized ministry in the mission; my work and activities have included:

- the design and administration of numerous state-wide leadership events including; youth ministry, children's work, young adult consultation, religious drama and radio and TV ministry.
- conducting numerous teacher's workshops, observation schools, and youth retreats throughout the mission.
- design of numerous brochures, composing dozens of news releases taking hundreds of publicity photographs, and the preparation of over 80 tape and slide sets (3200 duplicate slides) that have been used to tell the story of United Methodist Work in Alaska throughout the nation.
- serving as a member of the design team and writing task force that produces the COCAHNIA report.
- serving for 6 years as an officer of the Alaska Council of Churches -- for four years as its president.
- serving as primary announcer for six years for NEWS OF THE RELIGIOUS WORLD, a weekly fifteen minute religious news broadcast heard each Sunday on KENI (we are proud of the fact that this is one of the few religious news broadcasts in the nation that has Joint Protestant-Roman Catholic sponsorship).
- working to place seven of our Alaska UM youth on national YOUTH SERVICE FUND/WORLD MISSION TEAM, one college student on a World Student Christian Federation summer service team, and one high school youth as a member of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry.

- assisting in establishing the International Christian Youth Exchange program in Kenai, Anchorage, and Ketchikan.
- placement of radio and television programs and spot announcements on stations throughout the state.
- co-ordination of over forty summer service teams from local churches, districts, annual conferences and under national sponsorship that have served in numerous projects for the churches and institutions of the Alaska Mission.
- served as co-founder and general chairman of the COFFEE UMBRELLA, a young adult coffee house that served the greater Anchorage community from 1966-1969.
- served as co-organizer and adult advisor for the ANCHORAGE WALK FOR THE CHILDREN OF BIAFRA that raised over \$56,000 for Biafran relief and rehabilitation in May 1969.
- Spoke on behalf of the Alaska Mission to churches in Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Florida, Minnesota, Washington, California, Texas, and Georgia - traveled over 450,000 miles in the past eight years as a part of this ministry.

Lastly, I would share a word about priorities as I leave this phase of ministry in the Alaska Mission. In my research for the reference article I wrote on religion in Alaska this past year, I found that United Methodists own more property than any other religious body in the state; the net worth of our properties, churches, and institutions is well over \$25,000,000. Yet with all this apparent wealth the Alaska Mission is in constant financial struggle. It is likely that over \$50,000 profit will be realized on sale of unneeded property in Anchorage yet program budgets have been severely cut (i.e. the United Campus Ministry has no program funds due to recent cuts; the "advocacy council" that was the number one priority of the Consultation On The Church and Human Need In Alaska that was begun by action of this annual meeting never was begun because no funding (\$6,000) was available from the UM Board of Missions to match other denominational shares.) I raise this issue to question our priorities.

One other comment on this area -- if 4,200 members do not justify the work and position of a program director, do 16 pastoral appointments justify a full-time administrator? We have talked a great deal about the ecumenical possibilities and interdenominational cooperation that exists in Alaska and there are several good examples (the Valdez and Kenai Churches, the Jewell Lake Parish, the United Campus Ministry); if we really believe that we can work together and that Alaska could be a model for COCU (if anyplace) then a coalition of administration would see a logical next step. I am convinced that the three major denominations (United Methodists, United Presbyterian, and Episcopal) could be better served by

two administrators and one key program resource person than by three administrators. Perhaps this annual meeting would want to ask the Board of Missions to enter into discussions with the other two denominations to investigate such possibilities. In light of declining revenues and our need to work together it seems a logical move.

I have tried to be a resource person, trainer, and consultant in my work in this specialized kind of ministry. I am indebted to many people, the parsonage families and many lay families of the mission who have served as my hosts and co-workers, the general board and agencies of the church - especially the Board of Missions and the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, the superintendent of the mission who has allowed me to "do my thing" in the development of ministries and to my patient wife who has somehow been able to go to school, rear my sons, and assist me in many of my projects.



Leo and Mona Cramer

ANCHORAGE ANCHOR PARK UNITED METHODIST  
LEO C. CRAMER, PASTOR  
LEO C. AND MONA CRAMER  
Serving the Alaska Mission 1963-1971

As we leave Alaska after eight wonderful years, six here at Anchor Park, we are very much aware of the wonderful people of

God that we have had the privilege to know. Your many meaningful deeds, kind words and helpful acts of ministry will long remain in our minds. This has been another good year within the Church at Anchor Park. We have seen many people grow spiritually, the congregation grow numerically and have had a good year financially. We trust that as you work together in the years to come you will fulfill the will of God as His people in this world.

### **ANCHORAGE: EAST ANCHORAGE UNITED METHODIST**

**John R. Tindell, Pastor**

After six years in Alaska it is interesting to recall meaningful events and people. During the five years at Sitka a United Methodist congregation was formed, a church building was constructed and three work camp groups were known and appreciated. Many state-side friendships were developed through letters and via itineration in 1967. A key part of our personal lives in Sitka was community involvement. We have found the East Anchorage congregation similarly exciting.

The people have been notably open and cooperative. Two Koinonia groups have been formed and are active. I was dismayed to discover that the group to which Beryl and I relate plans to meet throughout the summer even though we will be gone through all of June and a part of July! The congregation is paying our room, board and tuition to attend an Institute in Theology at Princeton as a part of our time outside this summer. The Women's Society is planning on forming a new circle in the fall. Senior High youth serve as worship leaders each Sunday morning. The church assumed \$3500.00 additional pastoral support in 1971. A building committee has been elected and has elected a chairman. This committee is interested in considering ways to work toward building a sanctuary. Thirty four new members have been received within the past year. It has been encouraging to see the gentle movement of lives changing from pessimism and non-involvement to surrender and openness both to the program of the church and what it means to be a Christian disciple.

The past year at East Anchorage has been one of—getting to know you—and laying the ground work for future years. I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation.

### **ANCHORAGE: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Eugene H. Walters, Bruce A. Bartel, Pastors**

In reviewing our fourth year at First Church, I hardly know where to begin. We started the year by welcoming Bruce and Kathy Bartel. We had heard good reports about them and after a year

of working with them, have grown to love them deeply. Bruce has carried the largest part of the calling on new residents and both have assisted in producing an effective education program.

We started last fall with our worship services held at 9:00 and 11 a.m. with a complete education program at 9:45 a.m. While this eliminated the opportunity for parents to attend worship while their children were in church school, it increased our adult education program from about 10 to 60 each Sunday. Youth and Adult programs on Sunday evening have been very strong.

We are all pleased with the Lay Witness program that brought 29 Lay Witnesses from many states and 12 fellow Methodists from Fairbanks. We will not know the full extent of their impact except in the response of each individual to the service of our Lord through his church. We already have an excellent start. Fourteen of our youth and three adults traveled to Kenai to be an effective part of their mission.

We remain willing and open to be a part of the ministry to the downtown community and its problems. We have housed the Suicide Prevention facilities for three months, the Alaska Homemakers, the training for the nutrition aides for the Extension Services, an Alanon group the League of Women Voters and occasional meetings for other groups too numerous to mention.

Our Strategy and Building Committees have completed a years work on the best use of our property and the means of providing additional greatly needed church school space. Now the program is to impliment these decisions.

The one dark note in our church year is the financial deficit that has accumulated primarily during the first five months of 1971. With good leadership this problem is being resolved.

As one looks back one can always feel that this or that could have been done better . . . and it is probably true. With the renewed enthusiasm brought by the Lay Witness Mission we will surely find a more effective ministry for the First Church in all areas. May God bless us in our effort!

## **GIRDWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Eugene H. Walters and Bruce A. Bartel, Pastors**

The Girdwood church is unique in that it not only serves permanent residents of a small community, but visitors to the largest skiing area in Alaska as well. This past year regular worship services and church school have been available to the residents of Girdwood as well as the skiers at Mt. Alyeska. A minister has been present and available at least one-half day a week to serve the current needs in the community.

It is not known exactly what the best approach to a skiing family might be, but a presence is there in the form of the Girdwood church. The largest outreach to the skiers is the Easter Sunrise Service at the chalet at the top of the ski lift. Around 250 persons attended this service last Easter and thus became better acquainted with the ministry available through the Girdwood church. As the church becomes better known in its new location it is to be hoped that its outreach will continue to increase.

A main area of emphasis this year will be the church school, for there are many youth in the area that have indicated an interest in an ongoing program of this type. There is no other church to serve this need, and other needs for that matter, within fifteen miles.

The church has witnessed growth this year, and its future looks bright. It has ministered through its worship services, its church school, its presence and its availability as a retreat center. It looks forward to continued growth.

## **ANCHORAGE ST. JOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Howard DeVore, Pastor**

A survey of the year at St. John begins with the arrival of twenty-three workcampers from Elgin, Illinois. Under the leadership of Rev. Leslie Fox of Elgin workcampers cleared brush extending the playground, painted interior rooms, washed windows, and started a picnic shelter which was later completed by the men of St. John. Other workcampers worked with Mrs. Fox in a two week vacation church school. Some of the same group worked with the pastor putting in footings for the shower house at Birchwood Camp.

Education at St. John includes a well staffed Sunday church school held in conjunction with and at the same time as Sunday worship. Local women also conduct a second vacation church school at St. John in August under superintendent DeEtte Goff. They labored with flower boxes and beds to make St. John again one of the scenic attractions along O'Malley Road.

The Women's Society of Christian Service held monthly program meetings in homes and additional workshops for a fall bazaar that netted almost \$800 for missions, building fund, and church kitchen improvement. They held a free Father-Son banquet in April that filled fellowship hall, provided desserts for workcampers, and a week's lunches for the homemakers training course.

Youth got off to a good start in September with both a senior and junior high group meeting Sunday evenings at the youth

center. A bus load accompanied by Fred Goff held a retreat at Hope, Alaska in October. The youth, high school and college students held an unforgettable Student Recognition Day in December. The Council on Ministries and a special task committee planned and carried out five Sundays in January on the theme "How the Word Gets Around." Dialogues and demonstrations, films and filmstrips, records and slides, puppet shows, folk songs, folk rock communion, and modern language liturgies replaced the sermon and conventional patterns of worship. Songs and stories with children by the pastor were initiated during that month and have continued to have a popular place in Sunday worship. A dialogue on the sermon or other concerns follows where people are finding a significant place for personal conviction and witness.

## **HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Howard DeVore, Pastor**

Hope United Methodist Church, an attractive log structure across Turnagain Arm from Anchorage consists of two resident members when they are not in Juneau during the legislative session or at their summer guiding camp during the summer.

A funeral for "Grandma Austin" and a wedding mark the gathering of people for worship. Several groups on the Kenai and from Anchorage used the facility for retreats this year.

## **TURNAGAIN-JEWEL LAKE PARISH**

**Tom Whitehead, Pastor**

**NEW MINISTER:** Turnagain and Jewel Lake Parish have responded admirably to the changing of the guard. As a new minister, I experienced Alaskan Church life in a big way. Between the time that Chuck Horner left and I arrived all of those in Turnagain who had responsibility for its educational program had moved or were moving. However, this church showed its great spirit when several laymen rallied to recruit the fall teaching and youth staff. That too taught me something about Alaskan Church life!

**TURNAGAIN:** Thanks to a special debt-retirement fund drive last March, Turnagain succeeded in raising \$10,000 toward its mortgage payments. This enabled us to match a National Board grant and to assume a regular payment schedule. We have enjoyed the new organizational structure for the first time and needed improvements have been made to the building. There has been continued growth in creative worship and significant involvement in our mission to the world. Our adult class under the leadership of Dick Gilbert has interviewed several Anchorage legislators, and

then discussed significant moral issues in key pieces of legislation with them. Congregational involvement in FISH and in a candidate's forum kept some of us busy. New forms of church life this year include couples groups and a well attended Advent family emphasis. For the first time in the history of the state a Roman Catholic church used a protestant facility this year when Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish began renting our sanctuary in October. Sandwiched around our worship service are four Masses. It has been amiable relationship with significant involvement.

**JEWEL LAKE PARISH:** The most important development this year has been the formal beginning of Jewel Lake Parish. This congregation was started by Turnagain and Trinity Presbyterian Church. When Chuck Horner and Ralph Weeks from Trinity Presbyterian church both left within a week of one another in March of 1970, Jewel Lake lost its original thrust. Tom Handley arrived in September. In March the council was organized, and in May fifty members chartered the church. It is an exciting and willing group of people with which to work.

**WEST ANCHORAGE LARGER PARISH:** Jewel Lake, Trinity, and Turnagain are now a Larger Parish. Co-operative programs in woman's work and youth groups had varying success this year. They were meaningful enough to be projected for next year. A very innovative summer program on a parish-wide basis is projected. It includes staggering worship schedules, mid-week innovative worship, a co-operative Wednesday School, youth schools of religion, and family activities. We believe that the larger parish may hold the keys to the churches future in Alaska.

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CHUGIAK AND BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CAMP**

**L. Eugene Groves, Pastor**

Lack of time has been the one major problem which has plagued my second year as pastor in the Greater Chugiak Area. Then it slowly dawned that Chugiak is really a two point charge, church and camp. The frustration of having camp as one side of the two point charge, as I know my predecessors have also discovered, is that it involves a lot of time doing things, and church work suffers. There are meetings to attend, general Camp Committee, Development and Program meetings to operate and manage camp. There are work parties to supervise, arrangements to be made with user groups, money to collect, insurance lists to be typed. There is maintenance to be done, broken doors to be repaired, water pipes to mend, wood to be chopped, broken axe and sledge handles to be replaced. There are supplies to be purchased for both work parties and camps. There are, on the one side, battles to be fought with the borough over taxation and over usage of 1400 acres around the camp as a mechanized recreation area (snow-goes), and on



the other hand, arrangements to be made with the borough to take over our railroad crossing in exchange for gravel, culverts and money. Building a shower house and a caretakers house means arranging for work parties, for hired help in laying block and installing a sewer and water system, hauling block, sand, cement, steel, water and sewer lines. This took a major portion of last fall. This spring every Saturday since the first of April meant a work party to try to complete both the showerhouse and the caretakers house before camp. We now hope they will be complete before the camping season is over.

This year the church has maintained its own, but it has not grown. We have offered a variety of programming, including experimental Worship Services, Junior Church, children and adult choirs, Watchnight and Maundy Thursday services, play readings, discussions, a Pops Concert, study class and information programs on Native Education, progress of Alaska Children's Services, and the work of G.O.A.L. and Headstart within our community and church. The trustees are in process of exploring the possibility of building a new parsonage on a section of the Church's 13.48 acres of land. The moving of the parsonage from Eagle River to the church property would reduce the pastor's driving and give the church more security as our community grows. Counseling with couples, youth and individuals has also been a major ministry this year.

Beyond the local church and camp, I've enjoyed working on the Salary, Health Insurance, Pension, World Service and Finance, and the Higher Education Committees of the Mission. As part of our outreach into our community, I've participated on the Headstart PAC both here and in Anchorage. And through Headstart came some involvement with the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency, working on their Personnel and Education Committees. We have also started exploratory talks about starting a Day Care Center at the Church in addition to the Headstart program already operating here. And there is a possibility that we will form a non-profit corporation to handle these two organizations.

This has been a very busy year with very many things done and too few people contacted. With LeRoy Orth and his family taking over the job as Camp Caretaker, many of the camp responsibilities which have been mine will now be his, and I will have more of the time I want to do the work of the church. We look forward to our third year in Chugiak with pleasure.



First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks

## FAIRBANKS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

David K. Fison, Pastor

United Methodism in Fairbanks has experienced dramatic changes this last year. Outside, one will notice the old section of our building has been remodeled and painted to match the new wing. A greater change is noticable in the sanctuary. We worship "in the round" now, with pastor and people on the same level. The altar and cross are central in our worship. The organist and choir are out of the balcony and now a part of the congregation. A new P. A. system has been installed. However, the most remarkable change is in the lives of the people. There is more lay participation in worship: "Prayers of the people" have taken the place of "Pastoral Prayer." On occasion laymen witness in worship to what God is doing in their lives.

These exciting things and more have followed from our lay witness mission of last March. Twenty-two lay men and women plus eight youth came to our church from some ten states to witness to their faith. From this, twenty of our youth and adults

participated in similar missions at Seward, First Church—Anchorage, Kenai, Ft. Wainwright, and Eielson Air Force Base. This was followed by our small group ministries workshop, which furnished guidance for the several small groups that were spontaneously forming, including a youth prayer and share group. Three of our young men have indicated interest in the ordained pastoral ministry.

Our Sunday evening service formerly averaged ten. It is now forty. We have small group sharing as part of this service. Our sanctuary is now open twentyfour hours a day, with seven-day candles always burning on the altar. More and more people are coming at different times for prayer. We are all praying more.

The lives of many families are being transformed: Couples are praying together—many for the first time; reconciliations are healing estrangements; parents and children are spanning the generation gap. Every service finds worshippers kneeling around our central altar. It is exciting to be part of a congregation where joy and love are so evident and where things are happening that really matter.

Favorable weather eased us past the predicted flood and our order for three hundred sandbags was canceled. We continue to make full use of the facilities. Another Adult Education program has taken the place of the Adventist and Aleen is part time counselor for this program. In the fall the Retarded Children's School will also be using additional space. Four thousand dollars was allocated for needed building improvements. In addition to those already mentioned, the parsonage has been repainted.

Last summer our ecumenical camping program was a great experience. I was Dean plus a counselor for our Junior Camp of forty. This year I will be Junior High Dean. (We mail all prospective campers a ten dollar check to subsidize and promote the camping program. It is most effective.)

Our Church School and staff this year has been one of our finest. A successful youth retreat with Walt Hays was held in the church. We have now budgeted for a part-time youth worker.

The Church School Superintendent and Pastor shared the exciting Tanana Raft Race with sixteen of our youth on a large raft—our Young Adult group also entered.

Last summer I enjoyed leading "Experiences in the Psalms" at the School of Christian Mission at A. M. U. and was Dean of our Pastor's School at Mt. Alyeska.

Last summer a luncheon was served following each worship service and in the winter we issued certificates indicating where the holder has worshiped here at 50 below zero. Our stewardship

program last fall featured a slide-tape story of our church. It was used also as our report for our fall charge conference.

With all the changes, it's like having a new church and a new congregation. I feel like a renewed pastor as we begin our sixth year in Fairbanks and our twelfth in the Alaska mission.

## **THE HOMER METHODIST PARISH**

**James H. Thompson, Pastor**

This year has been true to life here in Alaska, especially the Homer Parish. We have had our high and low points as usual. These positive points stand out.

Ninilchik's program has had a strong U.M.Y.F. monthly meeting of outstanding speakers and leaders, including Trooper Jack Ross, Alaska State Troopers, and Dr. Robert Hill, M.D. Church School each week has had classes for both youth and adults in this fishing village.

In the same spirit, slow growing and moving Seldovia started a Church School each Sunday morning in addition to the regular Wednesday schedule.

While Anchor Point continues as a calling station on my weekly trip north, our little log cabin church there was put to good use by our Mormon friends. These neighbors lost their Homer Church to fire and the United Methodist Mission came to their rescue. They use the church each week, rent free.

Without a doubt the Homer Church is the community church. The facilities are used each weekday by many different age groups throughout the entire area. Besides the services held, are the services rendered in the name of Christ. A letter received recently from an Alabama mother concerning her runaway daughter, who is at present living in this area, summarizes the purpose of your mission here. "How good it is that no matter how far we stray away from home, the Church is there."

## **JUNEAU-DOUGLAS LARGER PARISH**

**Douglas Community United Methodist Church**

**Juneau United Methodist Church**

**John J. Shaffer, Pastor**

Our first year as pastor of the Larger Parish has been very stimulating. In spite of the pain of losing a "pastor all their own" Douglas has been supportive in our total ministry here. Juneau has not developed any of the possessiveness which sometimes clouds

a circuit ministry. Both churches have gone the second mile by a Conference Advance Special of \$1800 to help other churches within the Alaska Mission maintain the current level of program. For these things we are grateful.

On the parish staff, we have added Miss Jean Davis as a Community Worker under the United Methodist Voluntary Service program and Miss Bea Shepard as a Lay Pastor with special responsibilities at Douglas. Both have added a great deal to the quality of ministry in the churches.

Under the direction of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Miss Shepard developed a course for Lay Speakers and on April 5, 1971, the Charge Conference approved granting "LAY SPEAKER'S CERTIFICATES" to Roger Allington, Dr. Don Hammond, Robert and Julie Isaac, Donald Gotschall, Vernon J. LaBau, Bea Shepard, Grace Wilson and Don Tilly. This program promises to add further depth to several aspects of our ministry in the city and borough of Juneau.

Highlights of the program year at Douglas include these: Improvement of the parsonage from the rental monies (we pay taxes now), approval of a Day Care Program using the basement area of the church five days a week, a strong adult Bible class under the leadership of Miss Shepard, the starting of Arts and Craft Programs for adults and children under the volunteer leadership of Claudia Kelsey and a family night program that has received stronger support than Sunday morning worship.

At Juneau we have continued the American Youth Hostel (405 persons in the three months of the 1970 summer), the Community Center (relating to 209 different individuals), and used several new modes of worship that have been meaningful to many.

As we prepare to be away from the parish for several weeks on a travel seminar to Africa and the Holy Land, we are grateful to the leadership in both churches who have allowed us this extra time, but who also are seeking to grow in their ability to be the church in this place. We are preparing for a meaningful experience in the Lay Witness Mission program next September. The love and understanding which has been witnessed to in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Seward and Kenai has been communicated to some of us here and we look for a great outpouring of God's spirit in the month's ahead.

If this spiritual growth, which many of us seek, will make us more effective in dealing with the pain and the cruelty inflicted on the world, it will make every effort worthwhile. We have sought to deal with some of the more painful subjects in our polarized society: law and order (with justice), the war in Southeast Asia and protection for our environment (even at the cost of development) have all been sermon subjects this past year.

One of the more fascinating aspects of the church's life is related to the ecumenical movement. We are seeing a deep reaction against merger and change of the organizational structure while at the same time there is genuine openness to program cooperation in some areas, mainly education. Community Services moves much more slowly. We have started to study the Plan of Union, prepared by the Consultation on Church Union.

## THE CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT, KENAI

Robert D. Bowers, Pastor

This year has been a year of meaningful and fulfilling events for the people of the Church of the New Covenant. On July 12th ground was finally broken for the new educational annex to the church. After several years of planning it was good to see the earth upturned and the building begin to take shape. On January 25th the new building was consecrated to the use for which it was intended. Since that time teachers and the younger children have enjoyed using the light, airy, and colorful rooms. These rooms have also found a special use as meeting rooms because they are so pleasant. The building was put up for about \$82,000, or, nearly \$3000 less than estimated.

In September some of the families enjoyed a planning retreat at Hope. Out of this came some suggestions for organizational structure and program which have been discussed and used this year. The most important thing was the sense of fellowship that began to grow out of this retreat in such a lovely spot as Hope in the Fall of the year.

In January we began preparations for a parish-wide Lay Witness Mission. Jack Archer, the coordinator, and 50 witnesses from various other states and Alaska descended upon us with their love and witness on April 23rd. The result was a real moving of the Holy Spirit within the hearts and minds of many people. From this experience has emerged a new awareness of God, a strengthening of fellowship, and several sharing groups which have all enriched the life and meaning of the church in this community.

A sidelight of all of these has been a new awareness of the other churches and people that are a part of the Kenai United Parish.

With a new structure, a new sense of fellowship, a new spirit, and a new awareness of God and fellowman, the Church of the New Covenant is prepared to move ahead in exciting and bold new directions.

**KENAI UNITED PARISH**  
**NORTH STAR — SOLDOTNA**

**James R. Fellers, Pastor**

Last June, an important change took place in the Parish. The Parish staff was reduced and the North Star and Soldotna congregations, twenty-five miles apart, were yoked together to be served by one pastor. It has been my privilege to serve these wonderful Alaskans. I have especially appreciated their willingness to cooperate with, encourage, and support each other in numerous instances during the year. The spirit of Christian community between the congregations has been remarkable.

There are a number of highlights I would like to share. Many activities have centered around the dinner table. Several times, the two congregations have joined for worship and a potluck dinner in an attempt to get better acquainted. A high point in Soldotna was a dinner prepared for thirty-five native boarding students attending the local high school. Several students had expressed the desire to eat some of their native foods. So, with the assistance of the Lutheran Church, its pastor, and our superintendent, we all enjoyed dried fish, seal oil, eskimo ice cream, and reindeer stew. It was a memorable experience!

One of the most significant events was the Lay Witness Mission. This was a parish-wide venture. The opportunity to share and discuss our faith with other Christian laymen was a real stimulus to our growth, individually and corporately. Lives have been changed and reconciliation has taken place as a result of the weekend. Several small groups have been formed. Surely, the life of the entire parish has been renewed and strengthened by this Mission.

All in all this has been a good year. There have been the usual difficulties and frustrations (what a winter-), but there have been many joys and blessings. We don't know what the future holds for the North Star and Soldotna congregations, but we hope that we will be open to the Holy Spirit as we respond to the tasks of God that are set before us.

**THE KETCHIKAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Charles W. Horner, Pastor**

The 1970-71 Church year has been one of steady progress and renewal for the Ketchikan United Methodist Church.

The Commission on Education has worked hard to rebuild its structure and to establish a strong on-going program of Christian Education. The results of this work have been evident through

the entire Church, and especially in the area of Youth Ministries.

In the area of Evangelism our heavy emphasis has been in the area of renewal, and reclaiming our established membership to active commitment and participation. We have made substantial progress in this area and Church attendance for the past year has increased by some 35%. We are looking forward to establishing an effective program for Lay Witness and small group ministries during the coming year.

We have also made some very tangible progress in enhancing our physical facilities. A new carpet has been purchased for the nursery, and with a complete paint job this important room is now one we can take real pride in. The three upstairs class rooms which we started last year, are now finished, and we are looking forward to carpeting the floors as soon as funds become available.

Perhaps the most noticeable improvement of all has been the removal of the two old houses west of the Church and the grading of the area to provide a much needed parking lot. The Church now has by far the best privately owned parking facility in downtown Ketchikan.

A very real but somewhat intangible area of progress is in what might be called the morale of the Church. Of all areas of progress this probably has been the most important. The congregation is growing in its feeling of oneness and in its sense of purpose and ministry. This has been reflected in many ways: The excellent choir which has maintained its strength throughout the year, the fine participation in our Church wide mission study, the fun we have had at fellowship dinners, and even the pride shown in our Church League basketball team.

It is our sincere prayer that during the coming year we will be able to mobilize all the forces, the people and the talent of the Church, to build on the foundations that have been laid, and to bring our Church to a high point of effective witness and ministry in our community. With God as our helper, and with the continued blessing of the Holy Spirit we are confident that this will happen.

## NOME COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ernest H. Jones, Pastor

The 1970 Census figures confirmed what we already knew, but didn't like to admit: the population of Nome is standing still, at just under 2400. But there are signs of progress; hopes for growth are still high. This summer 50 low-income families will move into brand-new houses, complete with electricity, running water, and sewer. New school construction and rehabilitation of the airport



runway offer hope of more jobs for local workers. The possibility of producing gold, oil, and other minerals lies just offshore with the winter ice that has not yet broken loose.

The Nome Community United Methodist church reflects the community in many ways. Most of its members and constituents are Eskimo, coming from various villages in all directions from Nome; its membership stays about the same; it has hopes for a better future.

We are experimenting this year with a very flexible plan of organization. The Administrative Board also carries the functions of the Council on Ministries; the members, elected at large, collectively hold responsibility for the various work areas. Task forces, committees, or individuals are appointed as needs arise to carry out specific functions. So far, the plan has proved to be only moderately successful, but given the lack of available strong leadership, we see no alternative.

The Nome Pre-School for 4 year olds had its start in our building this year, with morning and afternoon groups meeting each school day since October. The church has provided the facility for the year, not only saving the school the cost of rent, but answering the question of where to find space at any price in Nome.

The church program has followed rather conventional lines, even if the pastoral ministry sometimes goes in unusual and varied directions. The Women's Society of Christian Service continues to be the strongest organization in the church, providing support in both personnel and dollars. Our Junior Choir has appeared regularly in the worship services, adding the joyful sounds of youthful song on Sunday morning as well as on special occasions. A Friday night recreation program at the church seemed to fill a need for Junior Highs during the fall and winter months.

Last summer we sent 21 campers to Birchwood for a week. Many of them enjoyed the added benefits of staying a few days in Anchorage after camp. They were guests in the homes of Turnagain Methodists, who extended their invitation for the third year. The extremely high cost of air transportation and lack of funds to pay for it have caused us to explore other possibilities for camp experiences for our youngsters. This summer, the available financial support will be used to underwrite church camps in the Nome area. This plan will enable two or three times as many boys and girls to be involved in the camping program.

A work team of students from Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, under the direction of Augie Aamodt, will arrive in Nome on June 5 to undertake some much-needed work. They will install flush toilets in the church, paint the exterior of the entire church-parsonage building, and help conduct a Vacation Church School.

The contribution of this group of students will bring a welcome boost to the appearance of the building and the morale of the people who are the United Methodist church in Nome.

## SEWARD, MOOSE PASS AND COOPER LANDING

Gary Lueck, Minister

The church in Seward has been marked by a "hot and cold" spirit. A number of short term programs were developed, fulfilled and completed.

Ecumenically a number of programs were attempted. The summer of 1970 saw an attempt to minister to the campers and vacationers through a Saturday evening Vesper service held at the community camp grounds. Due to the rain the program was not too successful. The Ministerial Fellowship sponsored the Continental Singers in August with over 400 youth and adults in attendance. A Community Choir gave two concerts: Christmas and Easter. The Easter concert drew over 230 people. The Week of Prayer was observed with all of the church denominations participating.

The Seward congregation fell down in their Christian Education program. In evaluation a lack of commitment and follow-up were main causes of decline in the Church School.

The Seward Church building continues its relationship with the Skill Center in providing space for a Day Care Center.

The Lay Witness Mission was a high point in the church year. It provided challenge and stimulation and involved a number of people in calling and outreach. The results of the Mission, however, are mixed.

The Seward Church has experienced a loss of adult leadership. There are few men who participate in the church life on a regular basis. A large turn-over in population for a small community has had devastating effects. At a recent Family Fellowship, of the families present, only three had been in Seward more than two years.

The building is in the process of redecoration. The windows have been trimmed in deep red, and an extensive redecorating of the basement will include paneling and bringing the building up to existing fire codes.

## MOOSE PASS

The Moose Pass congregation is continuing at about the same pace. A new family has begun participating in the fellowship. Plans

are being made to have a Vacation Church School and to redecorate the exterior of the church building with the help of a Summer Work Team.

### COOPER LANDING

The Cooper Landing Fellowship has been a bright spot in my ministry. It is not an organized church, and probably never will be. It does have an active and vital fellowship. The people meet about every other week as a study group, including singing and prayer. The group reaches about sixteen families, averaging fourteen adults per meeting. It has an ecumenical make-up: Russian Orthodox, Baptist, United Methodist, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons and Presbyterians.

### SITKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Donald L. Hartman, Pastor

As Glen Whitlock, Church Occupation Counselor for the United Presbyterian Church has said: "This ministry is an equipping or enabling work. Since all Christians are called to ministry, the function of the pastor is to train others for their ministry."

This has been the philosophy during my first year as pastor of this congregation. We have spent the 1970-71 year seeking to help the congregation understand its role as Christians in the total range of life; that the ministry of the Christian Church is not always to set-up programs but in many cases it means all of us, laymen and clergy being involved in the community as activists. This pastor then has seen his role not only then as one who seeks to challenge people to be involved but this means he too shares in such activities as the Sitka Community Action Group.

Another area of outreach has been aimed toward the unchurched, the biased (both church and unchurched), the curious, and the apathetic as this pastor has put into operation several mass media presentations. Every Saturday morning at prime time to reach men, women and children (10:30 a.m.) the radio ministry entitled "THE WORD—AND MUSIC" is presented to offer guidelines and encouragement to all as they face the problems of life. On Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. a television ministry which has the purpose to inform people of the scope of Christianity. This is done through news comments relating to the church and the world, and above all through interviews with guests representing various denominations, lay and clergy, local people and visitors. The third area of information promotion has been the placing of ads in the local newspaper on a page other than the church page and on various week days informing people that the United Methodist Church is not only here locally but serves the state as well.

In each ad the statement is made: "Serving Alaska through Action," followed by information on one of our institutions.

Attendance in worship is high with many visitors coming week after week. The budget is being met by systematic giving of the congregational families, and the general spirit is that of optimism and excitement.

Youth are worshipping, studying, and playing together and the adults have shown their interests through active participation in every program, especially in the two extensive study programs, lasting two years and covering the subjects: (1) Old Testament, (2) New Testament, (3) Church history, and (4) Understanding other denominations.

The spirit that inspires and ties us all together as Children of God has definitely led us this past year and we trust the same motivating force will move us forward in 1971-72.

## **CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, VALDEZ**

**Dale G. Sarles, Pastor**

For three months last year the Sarles' were touring about in Zambia, in southcentral Africa. While we were away the life of the Valdez congregation grew in ecumenical understanding as clergymen of the participating denominations visited the community and shared in the Sunday services. Some of these men, leaving Valdez by car, were able to stop at the American Legion Hall in Glennallen where a mixed denominational group of Christians continue to gather once a month for a late afternoon service and potluck supper. Mr. Wischmeier and his mother "did" both Valdez and Glennallen on a visit in December. This itinerant Lower Richardson Highway Ministry continues as a regular extension of the work outside of Valdez.

The business of the Christian ministry is always people working to strengthen together the love and influence of Jesus in our lives. Sometimes it seems very frustrating, especially when the "together" part is left behind. There is a good feeling in the ministry at Valdez that we are working more closely together. There is seldom much question among us that we are better together than apart, continuing to represent in one congregation the participating denominations of the Alaska Council of Churches. Our worship services are enriched by using different forms, strengthening one Sunday's service with an idea, a hymn, or a prayer, that served well on another day. We have a Worship Committee meeting once a month, and ideas brought up for discussion have helped us know how important worship is to us, and how full an experience it may be when ministry is our opportunity and not simply "his" or "hers" or "theirs."

This realization of what we may set ourselves toward doing together has helped give us a foundation for what our mission is and increasingly will be in Valdez. Our mission, the church's mission, deals with unity, which is a fellowship of people. When that fellowship is really working, we know what community is. I believe that sort of purpose, the fellowship of community, is worth building, both in the Church and in all the world.

To relate that to a concrete opportunity, I think of the trans Alaska pipeline which is proposed to terminate in Valdez after coming some 800 miles from the oil rich North Slope. All the concern environmentally and otherwise is not just a question for Alaskans, and we get daily assurances of the stake others outside the State have one way or another. Yet it is also certain that what Alaskans know about this country, particularly its ecology, is not going to be unimportant. The care that is being taken in the design, construction maintenance and safety of the pipeline is, and can be expected to continue to be, a result of expressed concern from thousands of people, within Alaska as well as without. Something like this pipeline helps us to see how we all are involved one with another and need each other to be fully and responsibly ourselves.

May we, in God's power journey in peace- and whenever your journeying bring you to Valdez, you are welcome to stop at this inn and share whatever special adventures are happening!

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Robert Bowers, Chairman

At the end of the 1970 Annual Meeting the list of resolutions and recommendations was submitted to news media and to the appropriate legislative bodies and personnel for their consideration. In this way we have sought to make our wishes known to those who are decision makers.

In February, prior to Pastors' and Wives' Retreat, a two day seminar on the problem of alcoholism was sponsored jointly with the Alaska State Office of Alcoholism of the State Department of Health and Welfare. About 60 persons attended this seminar for pastors and laymen. Dr Edward Scott of the Oregon State Alcoholism Clinic led the seminar assisted by Robert Kinch of Seattle.

The Alaska Mission is a difficult area in which to carry on effective social action which depends so much upon quick communication and quick action. We have tried to use the Legislative

Newsletter of the Alaska Council of Churches, but lack of funds has not permitted us to pay for this service this year.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES

Carol Ann Walters, Chairman

A communique from the National Board of Social Concerns in Washington, D.C. was sent to Bill and he recommended action from this Work Area Chairman.

In short the National Board wants us to form a study group to find out the ramifications of National Health Insurance and how our conference feels about it. Letters were sent to Juneau and Fairbanks to see if they too would form study groups from their communities. The National Board would like feed back to see how the laity stand on this matter. There was a Health Caucus sponsored by the Comprehensive Health Advisory Council, which is a state organization, held on November 1 for the purpose of bringing to the attention of Alaska's congressional delegation the health needs of the state. There were 27 agencies reporting and all agreed there were overlappings and need for National Health Insurance was mentioned by many of them. Anchorage has not formed a study group to date.

A budgetary item in our work area was the publishing of area resources along Health and Welfare lines for Juneau, Fairbanks and Anchorage. There is a limited publication of such a directory for Fairbanks which the chairman has a copy, but before we go to the work of publishing it I need a work force to write letters to the agencies represented to see if they still exist and are in favor of the service. An Anchorage directory was published several years ago by the Inter-Agency Council and is in need of revision.

The Maynard-McDougall Hospital in Nome had a board meeting to adopt a new constitution and bylaws on April 20; the interests of the Mission were represented by Ac Wischmier and Mrs. Jean Stassel, who are both voting members of the board. I was invited to attend this meeting as a guest of the hospital but was not able to be present.

The Consultation On The Church and Human Need in Alaska may meet again in session this fall. Ample notice will be given if a new session of the Consultation is called. United Methodists can be justly proud of the key leadership role played by our denomination in the enabling of this singular event, which has provided an overview of human need in our state and guidelines for action.

# CHRISTIAN NURTURE

## EDUCATION

Danita Trudeau, Chairman

The following topical summaries are highlights of the work of board of education for the past conference year:

### Teacher Training

The most consistent need we face in the Alaska Mission is the training and enabling of the local church school teachers. There have been several opportunities to help strengthen our church school teaching during this past year. We are deeply indebted to Rev. James Simpson, master teacher of the Synod of Washington-Alaska of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr Simpson is on special assignment with the Washington-Alaska Synod and is the director of their Leadership Education Advance Project (LEAP). Many United Methodist Church school teachers sat in on workshops that Mr. Simpson held on "Creative Teaching" and Discovery-Learning" in Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka during October and in Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage during the month of March. Jim is a gifted and sensitive teacher and our teachers gained much from their opportunity to study with him. As a token of our deep appreciation for his excellent services our board made a grant of \$50 to the LEAP project from the 1970 board of education budget.

We also are deeply indebted to Mrs. Ben Walters, a layman of Turnagain United Methodist Church who conducted an observation school for the preschool level for church school teachers of the Kenai Parish during the month of May and to Rachel Jones for conducting a coaching session on the church school leadership of First Church Fairbanks in March.

Under the leadership of Mona Cramer, chairman of the Western Area Task Force of our board of education, two special Saturday teachers' workshops were held in Anchorage. Each of the events featured a curriculum preview of the current quarter's curriculum during the morning session and then special "mini-courses" in the afternoon dealing with specific subjects such as drama in the church school, creative teaching techniques, and "theology for laymen." These workshops were well attended and appreciated by the teachers in the Anchorage area.

### Youth Ministry

The most significant development in the youth ministry during this past conference year was the attendance of a special team from the Alaska Mission at a regional conference on the church's educational ministry with senior high youth at Oklahoma City in early February. Rev. Jim Fellers, pastor of the Soldotna-North

Star Charge; Mr. James LaBau, a United Methodist layman and forester in Juneau; and Charles Horner, Jr., president of the Southeastern Alaska Youth Council from Ketchikan were the team members. The team has designed a time table for the strengthening of youth ministry in the local church in the Alaska Mission. The team has come up with a number of sound ideas including a regular informative newsletter, opportunity to meet with local church youth groups for coaching sessions and the itineration of some very excellent resource persons in Alaska to help strengthen our youth ministry. Funds have been budgeted for their work through the regular Board of Education budget through 1972.

The annual youth convocation for Southeast Alaska held in Juneau this year was an enormous success. The convocation dealt with understanding and communicating the Christian faith. Rev. Tucker Thompson, pastor of a United Presbyterian Church in Yakima, Washington and a resource person in youth ministry for his synod, was a guest leader along with several of the pastors and laymen from the Mission. A great deal of the credit for the success of this convocation must go to Miss Jean Davis, our volunteer serving in the Juneau Parish under the Methodists in Voluntary Service Program (MIVS). Jean did an excellent job in preparing for the convocation and as a result of the excitement generated by this event, a Southeast Alaska Council (ecumenical in nature) was formed to coordinate youth ministry in Southeastern Alaska. A projected Summer Service Project was also an outgrowth of this convocation under Jean's leadership. Jean was also very effective in her lobby for youth at the Alaska Council of Churches Assembly and some \$300 was budgeted by the Council for Alaskan youth workteams and \$50 was allocated for the 1971 Southeast Alaska Youth Convocation.

United Methodist youth and adult leaders continue to give strong support to the International Christian Youth Exchange Program in three Alaskan communities. The Board of Education co-sponsored a special film festival held in Anchorage in late February that realized some \$130 for the ICYE program and Rev. Charles Horner of Ketchikan spearheaded a community "walkathon" that raised over \$12,000 for both international exchange student and local youth needs.

### Audio Visual Library

The AV Library continues to grow in the base of its membership and many churches make excellent usage of its resources. A great many new resources have been added this year in audio cassettes and in posters that have value as both Christian art and as springboards for discussion.

### Campus Ministry

In May, 1970 a visitation to Alaska was made by two veteran campus ministers (Rev. Richard Bolles who coordinates Campus Ministry for the Protestant Episcopal Church in the thirteen



western states and Dr. William E. Hallaman who is regional secretary for United Ministries and Higher Education.) These gentlemen made a tour of the major population areas of the state and tried to provide the leadership of several of the various denominations with some guidance for Campus Ministry as they plan for the future.

They were most complimentary of the work being done at the University of Alaska in College through the United Campus Ministry. They felt that Dr. Robert Nelson and Sister Judy Morin had developed a very excellent style of "presence ministry."

The team encouraged us to think about the tremendous impact that the rapid University growth would have on the Anchorage situation and to plan to develop a more adequate campus ministry for this area.

During the 1970-71 school year, Howard DeVore, pastor of St. John United Methodist Church, has been serving as campus minister to Alaska Methodist University. Howard has worked closely with the Ecumenical Council of Youth and faculty and staff in the development of several discussion programs and has worked intimately with the planning for baccalaureate services at AMU this year.

Discussions have been held with both the administration of Anchorage Community College and with the Ecumenical Council at Alaska Methodist University and we hope to develop a common campus ministry to these two institutions during the 1971-72 school year. A proposal has been submitted to the United Ministry in Higher Education in hopes that a special grant of monies might be made so that local clergy would be enabled to carry on campus ministry to both institutions during the 1971-72 school year. We also anticipate that an application will be made to the "Campus Intern" program of United Ministries in Higher Education in the fall of 1971 to secure a seminary student who could work full time during the school year as a campus minister for both institutions. Our hope is that we will be able to match a challenge grant from United Ministries in Higher Education with funds from Alaskan individuals or foundations that would give us an operative budget to provide a seminary student as a Campus Ministry intern for both the 1972-73 and 73-74 school years.

### Camping

United Methodists in Alaska are involved in three resident camping programs; these include: Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp near Juneau, Birchwood Camp near Anchorage, and Harding Lake Camp near Fairbanks. We are pleased to see that all three of these camps sponsor cooperative camping and are moving towards a broader representation in their governing committees.

A major emphasis of the year was the visit of Maurice D. Bone, a nationally known consultant in outdoor education, who came

to Alaska during September to meet with the committees of all three of these camps to give guidance in their long-range planning and development. Mr. Bone is a partner in the firm of Bone and Britton and the co-author of the basic reference volumes in the field "Site Selection and Development—Camp Conferences Retreat." We feel he gave invaluable assistance to these three committees as they planned for the future use of these facilities.

A very real word of appreciation is also expressed to Mr. Randy Bradley of Springfield, Illinois, and Miss Wendy Darling of Las Vegas, Nevada, who served as summer volunteers in the Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish and at Birchwood Camp respectively for the contribution that they made to our summer camping program.

We look forward to several major emphasis in our ministry of Christian Education during the coming summer and fall:

1. Miss Louise Davis, of Nashville, Tennessee will serve as a special resource person in summer camp in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks in the area of nature crafts. She will also conduct a workshop for vacation church school and day camp leadership in Juneau and Anchorage. Miss Davis is a nationally recognized resource person in the field of camping and is the author of the junior camp book *We Discover in God's World*. Miss Davis is volunteering her services for this month; our board will cooperate in providing some travel assistance along with other churches and agencies.

2. Summer Service Teams from Centenary College in Shreveport Louisiana; the Central Illinois Conference, the Greencastle District of the South Indiana Conference and United Methodist Churches in Bradenton, Florida, Pasco, Washington, and Des Moines, Washington, will be working in the Alaska Mission this summer. These teams will provide leaderships for vacation church schools, camp counseling, day camp and recreation programs and outreach to teens in Nome, Sitka, Southeast Alaska Camp, Homer, Kenai, and at East Anchorage Church. We look forward to their time with us and the tremendous contribution that they will make.

3. A major emphasis of our year's education ministry will be made during the months of October and November. Rev. Jim Simpson will conduct a one-day workshop on teaching methods following the Annual School of Mission (October 11). Rev. Roy Ryan, director of ministries to middle adults of the Division of Local Church of the General Board of Education will conduct two weekend retreats with "middle adults" (age 35-50) in the Juneau and Anchorage areas. Mr. Ryan will also conduct a special three-day workshop on small group ministries in Anchorage for churches of surrounding areas. (Dates for his visit are October 15-25). Mr. Clifford Kolb is a member of the staff of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the General Board of Education and editor of the

senior high study publication *Real*. Mr. Kolb will visit Alaska for a ten-day period, November 1-14 and meet with local churches to help them explore fully resources for youth ministry. (Mr. Kolb's visit is part of the design developed by the youth ministry team of the Alaska Mission).

## SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA CAMP

Charles B. Wilson, Chairman (Co)

The use of the Southeast Alaska Area Camp is changing. As indicated a year ago the camp is now being used more by secular groups on week ends and by the Environmental (Outdoor) Education program than by church groups for camps of a week duration:

Camper Days:	1970	1969	1968
Ecum' church camps (2) weeks	478		
Glacier Bible—Lutheran	177		
Girl Scouts	192		
Other than Week Camps	541		
Methodist Family Camp	153		
Peach Tree, Ga. Work Camp	196		
Environmental Education	2100		
Total .....	3937	2622	1908

WEEK CAMPS	Number Campers	Number Staff	THEME	Director
6-14 to 20 Jr Hi (Ecum)	35	10	Bible in todays world	
6-21 to 27 Jrs (Ecum)	34	7		Rev. John Shaffer
7-12 to 18 Glacier Bible	23	7	Living as Christians	Rev. Boesser
8-2 to 8 Girl Scouts	26	6	Living in Christ	Rev. Sachs
9-4 to 7 Meth Family Cp	51	2	Scouting program	Sue Thomas
			Family Living	Jean Davis

The Environmental Education program for 1970-71 is now through 6 weeks of overnight camps (5 days each) for some 300 6th graders. Each week has had approximately 11 counselors and 5 staff members. The last camp ended May 28, 1971. The program was delayed a week in starting because of some 3-5 feet of snow on the grounds at camp. Our thanks is extended to the State Highway Department for plowing the road open into the lodge in order to prepare the camp for the program. This program is considered quite sucessful at the SE Alaska Area Camp because of the strategic location of the camp—in the midst of streams, the woods, glaciers and a short distance from the ocean with one of the best beaches in the Juneau area—perfect for the Environmental Education program. This program pays the camp \$1.00 per person per night and they furnish their own food, cooks and general maintenance.

## CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

1. Build one cabin with the help of the Peach Tree Work Camp group for a cost of \$482.41.

2. Purchased additional kitchen equipment to accomodate larger groups.

One Garland gas range	\$547.44
Cooking utensils	250.00
One gas refrigerator	278.05

3. An anonymous doner has given \$500.00 to build another cabin. Hope to build it this summer with the help of Neighborhood Youth Corps trainees.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### PROGRAM:

BALANCE—January 1, 1970	\$	13.35
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### RECEIPTS:

Camper fees	\$4,356.85	5,319.02
Alaska Mission	962.17	
Total Available		\$5,332.37

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Food		1,100.19	
Salaries			
Cook	\$465.00		
Managers	386.25		
Counselors	85.25		
Maintenance	26.25	962.75	
Truck Expenses—			
Repairs	505.67		
Gasoline	269.84		
License	35.00	810.51	
Heat		731.76	
Travel		325.00	
Supplies		235.19	
Insurance		176.58	
Books		54.63	
Saw Rent		37.86	
Building Repairs		23.10	
Babysitters		20.00	
Telephone		17.94	
Garbage		7.00	
Transferred to Maintenance Reserve Fund	535.00		5,037.51

BALANCE—December 31, 1970:		294.86
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**FACILITIES:**

	Facilities Fund	Reserve Fund
BALANCE—January 1, 1970:	\$1,113.47	\$ 811.27

**RECEIPTS:**

Mission Grants	\$5,205.91		
Mission Loan	1,500.00		
Juneau Church	100.00		
Contribution	100.00	6,905.91	
Interest on Saving Account			70.23
Transferred from Program Fund			535.00
Total Available		\$8,019.38	\$1,416.50

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Stoves	\$ 429.49		
Well	1,930.00		
Mixer	378.75		
Mattresses	324.77		
Chain Saw	228.05		
Outdoor Education Cabin	482.41		
Other Building Materials	1,922.40	5,695.87	0
BALANCE—December 31, 1970		\$2,323.51	\$1,416.50
Facilities Fund—December 31, 1970 (on deposit)		\$2,323.51	
Mission Loan*		983.92	
Fund Balance December 31, 1970		\$1,339.59	

\*\$900.00 of Alaska Mission Program fund grant was transferred into our Mission camp account leaving a loan balance of \$983.92

**HIGH SCHOOL WORK GROUP—Pasco, Washington**

A group of 15 students and their counselors will come to Juneau to counsel and assist with two weeks of camps for 120 disadvantaged youngsters from the Juneau area who would not be able to participate without financial help. The Borough Recreation committee and others in the area are coordinating this camping program including the raising of funds for the \$27.50 camper fee for the week of camping. This is the same fee that is charged other campers this year where the camp furnishes the cook, manager and food.

# UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

Robert Nelson

This having been the second year of the United Campus Ministry's existence at the University of Alaska, considerable emphasis was placed upon publicity, trying to get the organization known across the state, in the community and in the university community. The United Campus Ministry is now a much known and accepted part of academia at the University of Alaska with directors, Bob Nelson and Judy Morin, coming and going in all departments of the university. There are few corners of the university life that are untouched by the program and ministry of UCM.

Students and faculty come and go from the United Campus Ministry office and the UCM carry on their extensive counseling services while being close to areas of need and problem, areas in the life of the university.

Counseling services, including religious counseling, premarital and marital counseling, draft counseling, vocation counseling, etc., occupy about 80% of the Campus Ministry team's time and activities.

During the fall semester this year the director, Bob Nelson, was on leave studying at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. During that time the associate director, Sister Judy Morin, acted in the full capacity as director of UCM. Out of this experience it was realized by the Campus Ministry team as well as the board of directors of UCM that a team ministry for UCM is most needed especially when UCM is attempting to minister to students of varying denominations, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox. It was also realized that it is only to the extent that we truly work together as a team UCM is able to adequately minister to students of so many denominations and religious backgrounds.

Activities and programs of United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska this year consisted of a number of major folk fests that were held in conjunction with the Associated Students of the University of Alaska during orientation sessions and throughout the semester. One of the highlights of these folk fests was a concert given in The Great Hall by Ian Mitchell and his wife, Carolyn during Holy Week in 1971. Worship services on campus consisted of the continuing Protestant service on Sunday mornings, two Catholic masses in the morning and afternoon on Sundays, the Friends Meeting, midweek folk masses in the dormitories. A number of discussion and study groups were held including three major Bible studies and one on contemporary theology.

The whole area of worship for UCM has raised the problem of intercommunion. UCM has a standing committee working presently

on problems of inter-communion and worship across denominational lines.

Again for the second year UCM has sought through retreat and through work teams to bring students close to other cultures, problem areas of human need, and to live together in intensive communities for short periods of time. One such program was the cross cultural work team which was held for the second year immediately following exams in the spring semester for two weeks. This year it was felt that the work team should stay within the city of Fairbanks due to flood danger as well as the glaring need within the city for work with native agencies. UCM worked with the native community center in Fairbanks in designing a project for the work team this year. Twelve students lived for a two-week period in an old apartment house in Fairbanks which had been given to the native community center for development of a day care program for families who cannot afford other day care programs in the city. The team worked under grants which were made a year ago by the Alaska Council of Churches. In the two week period they completely renovated the building and prepared it for the day care program.

Under the leadership of its president, Professor John Turner, the UCM board of directors has sought to engage the university in discussion of such matters as the drug scene on campus and the place of religious studies in the life of the university. Conversation has continued with the Lutheran Churches, seeking their membership in the United Campus Ministry, as well as with the Moravians, the Russian Orthodox, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, and the American Baptist and the Salvation Army.

## WORSHIP

John Tindell, Chairman

A highlight of the Annual Meeting last year was the Love Feast, which was arranged by the Work Area on Worship. The early morning time of sharing and informal singing seemed to be meaningful to all who attended.

Last Annual Meeting voted to support the idea and help fund a worship resource person to come to Alaska and share, in cooperation with other denominations, trends and suggestions. Pastor W. H. Ritchey, a United Methodist now serving in Yakima, Washington has been contacted and has agreed to come in the late fall of this year to lead a series of worship seminars.

A retreat for the pastors of Southcentral Alaska was held at the Girdwood Church on January 25 of this year. The morning session included discussion of the theology of worship, led by Pastor Thomas Whitehead. In the afternoon the group indicated practical ways

in which they had attempted to make worship alive and contemporary in the various parishes. Eleven United Methodist Pastors participated in the retreat.

The Worship Work Area chairman had collected worship bulletins, ideas sermons and profiles of special services during the past two years. These were supplied by the pastors of the Alaska Mission. In February this material was organized, with the kind help of the Mission Office secretary, and sent to all Alaska Mission pastors to be used in whatever way they felt creative and useful.

The Worship Work Area is again giving leadership at the Annual Meeting by arranging for the Love Feast, to be held on the morning of May 27. Also, the Area has arranged for special music for the two evening worship experiences of this year's Annual Meeting. The first setting will be traditional and the second contemporary.



**Amos J. Alter**

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**United Methodist Layman of the Year 1971**

Respected member of the engineering profession, devoted father, civic leader and faithful churchman.

In recognition of dedicated service to the churches of Alaska as Lay Leader of the Alaska Mission and President of the Alaska Council of Churches.



# LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

## LAY ACTIVITIES

Bill Searby, Chairman

Laymen of the Alaska Mission are actively involved in all facets of the church's life and ministry. Although our work area can only meet during the caucus at Annual Meeting, I have had opportunity to express the views of laymen in my position on the Mission Program Council and as a member of its executive committee.

Three aspects of the ministry of the laity in the Alaska Mission during this past year deserve special comment:

1. Lay delegates were provided with a special slide set and fact sheet to help interpret the events of the Annual Meeting and the conference program to the local churches; this was a new innovation.

2. A course in lay speaking was given in the Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish. We are extremely proud to have had seven laymen complete this course of study and become "certified lay speakers."

3. The Lay Witness movement has had a tremendous impact on churches in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Seward and the Kenai Parish. Laymen of these churches have given generously of their time, talent, and resources in their preparation and follow-up on these missions. We see a renewed interest in prayer, Bible study and small sharing groups and the emergence of a group of laymen and youth from our churches that can give public witness to their faith.

We can be justly proud of these areas of growth. I'm sure we can look forward to a greatly broadened vision of the scope of lay ministry in the Alaska Mission.

## COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

Bill Staats, Chairman

Your Commission on World Service and Finance met on April 23 at the Mission House Conference Room and conducted hearings on the proposed 1972 budget. In preparation of the budget, we have given careful consideration to the apportionments from the General Church, the instructions of the Annual Meeting, the requests of Mission boards, commissions and committees.

We commend the Program Council for the careful and difficult task they performed in presenting a coordinated program budget.

1971 has been a very difficult budget year due to the reduction of National Division support starting January 1, 1971 of \$45,210 due largely to the drop of Advance Special support. The Mission rose to the emergency and an emergency budget was worked out at the 1970 Annual Meeting. The churches and Methodist institutions responded throughout the Mission and a balanced budget was achieved through painful cuts in almost every planned budget item. Every nonself-supporting church in the Mission increased its support and every self-supporting church contributed to a salary sharing fund. By combining Juneau and Douglas into a parish and the same for Soldotna and North Kenai considerable missionary support money was saved but by doing so we had to reduce our missionary staff by two missionary families. This we regretted having to do. We are grateful for everyone's cooperation in achieving a balanced 1971 budget.

Word has come from the National Division that another cut of \$15,000 can be expected for the 1972 budget again due to a continued drop in Advance Specials and a reordering of priorities on the part of the 1970 General Conference. This anticipated cut in funds has been taken into account in making up the 1972 budget and a decision was made that most of this cut could be cared for by discontinuing a full-time director of the Program Council.

On recommendation of the basic salary committee the World Service and Finance Committee has built into its 1972 budget an increase in basic salary from \$5500 to \$5800. It is hoped that each nonself-supporting church can care for its own increase which will range from \$390 to \$480 depending on cost of living area the church is located. \$1000 has been incorporated into the budget for those churches which have done their best but can't quite go all the way. In prior years the National Division has cared for this shortfall.

Your Finance Commission is recommending to the Annual Meeting a budget of \$42,703 which is an increase of 10% over the 1971 budget of \$38,821.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MISSIONS

Betty DeVore, Chairman

The 1970 Alaska School of Christian Mission was the major contribution of the Work Area of Mission as we cooperated with the Alaska Women's Society of Christian Service in leadership and funding. This year the school took on an ecumenical shading as representatives of other denominations joined the school planning staff and ten students from "other denominations" participated in the school which had a total enrollment of 89. Most were women but seven youth and eight men were full time participants.

The study themes for the school and 1970-71 were "How the Word Gets Around," "The Other Americas," and "The Psalms." The fine teaching staff to which we are indebted was Mrs. Ruth H. Collins, a staff member of the Women's Division from Atlanta, Georgia; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Groves of Chugiak who have traveled extensively in South America; Rev. Richard Gilbert and Rev. Lynn Gaylor, both of Alaska Children's Services in Anchorage; and Rev. David Fison, the Psalm-singer from Fairbanks.

The percolation of the mission study out into the local churches would seem to be improving as indicated by the reports of several local church mission work area chairmen and leaders.

"The Americas: How many Worlds?" was the study at Juneau United Methodist Church highlighted on February 3, 1971 by a festive, dramatic and informative Missionary Dinner.

At First Church, Anchorage the Women's Society of Christian Service and Work Area of Mission joined to study "The Americas" on three Sunday evenings with potluck dinners and speakers Bill Babcock, professor of Sociology at ACC and Rev. Eugene Groves of Chugiak.

Sitka reports using the theme "Communicating the Gospel" with Pastor Hartman's sermons dedicated on two Sundays to "Man, Media, and Message" and the use of film, slides, play, and role playing following the Sunday noon potluck luncheons.

St. John's study also took form on Sunday mornings when five services in January relied upon "other than preaching" for the communication of the Gospel. A dialogue demonstration revealing barriers to communication, a folk rock Lord's Supper, films, and puppet shows were used.

The Anchor Park Church engaged in the study of the Psalms with Pastor Leo Cramer and a session each on "The Americas" with Rev. Eugene Groves and "Communication" with Rev. Howard DeVore.

The Missionary Secretary reports attending two training and interpretive events during the year. The Inter-denominational World Mission Conference was an outstanding training experience in the mission study "How the Word Gets Around." Held in Vancouver, B. C., the study was led by two young men both mass media experts for their denominations, the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church. Equally talented persons led the "The Americas" study.

The Missionary Secretary was invited by the Joint Division on Education and Cultivation to attend as guest the Annual Meeting of the General Board of Missions held October 25-31 in Los Angeles.

There one heard presentations and protests from several ethnic groups and our youth insisting on the reordering of the priorities of the church.

The Special Committee on the Involvement of Young People struck out at "repression" and said,

"By repression we mean the following: systematic state action having purpose or effect of restricting, penalizing, threatening, harassing, or punishing dissent, criticism of government or society, nonconformity of efforts to initiate social change."

It was encouraging to learn that the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization to which the United Methodist Church through the National Division has pledged \$666,666 had made a grant to the Alaska Federation of Natives in the amount of \$11,500. Also that a report of the Fund for Reconciliation included a \$60,000 grant to "Project Golden Opportunity, Nome to be administered by our Community Center there."

But it was even more distressing to hear the National Division reject a plea for funds by Alaska Methodist University which reduces United Methodist support of this institution to such Advance Specials as may be contributed by local churches.

A report on the Advance by Joe Walker revealed a continued decline in this giving in the first six months of 1970 with a 13% drop in World Division and 6% drop in the National Division. He said,

"The trend is toward 'benevolent isolationism.' Churches are more receptive to regionally immediate mission and less inclined to support the world program. This is somewhat a response to the plea of the Church to be aware of needs on our immediate doorsteps, but it is as well an unhealthy turning in upon ourselves at a time when the need to be in mission is increased not only in Jerusalem but to the uttermost parts of the world."

He noted other causes of decline including

"A general decreased involvement of missionaries in cultivation of the Advance."

Isaac H. Bivens, assistant general secretary of the World Division and first black to head United Methodist African work, gave an alarming report.

"The situation in Rhodesia and South Africa is critical. There is no way to overstate the situation . . . We must mobilize our Church with all of our energies, sensitize

our government and industry to our inescapable involvement and obligations in Africa. We must alert them to the real possibilities for a continental racial war of unsurpassed destruction and with global consequences."

Wider involvement of church members across the country in concerns of the Board of Missions is the aim of a program of conversations about missions. The plan would engage the Board's staff and its members from every part of the nation in conversations with people from local churches around the subject of mission. The experience will then be used in direction-setting at the spring planning meeting of the Board.

## EVANGELISM

### REPORT

Charles Horner, Chairman

The word EVANGELISM is derived from the Greek, (euangelion) which means "gospel" or "good news" or "good tidings." Evangelism is the proclamation or telling of the message of good tidings of the gospel.

Most of us would agree with this definition, but when it comes to the techniques of proclamation we find a broad variety of opinion. Some favor large preaching services and revival meetings; others feel that small groups and honest dialogue is the most relevant pattern. There are many styles and techniques that appear to work in some communities and do not work in others. Recent Conferences on Evangelism have tried to promote a broad and open acceptance of a variety of styles and techniques. In the Alaska Mission we have attempted to follow the lead of others in incorporating a broad variety of techniques that other churches and communities have found meaningful.

The major emphasis of our work area this year has been the introduction of the Lay Witness Mission concept. The Department of Koinonia Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism sent their associate director, Vance Archer, to Alaska in November to speak to the churches regarding the Lay Witness Mission concept. Four of our churches have held missions and the renewed vitality and depth of spiritual concern in these churches has exceeded our wildest dream.

Thirty laymen from "outside" (each paying his own way) led by Jack Dew of Monroe, Louisiana held the first mission in Fairbanks in mid-March. The impact of their presence and witness had a great impact in the church (it has even rearranged their pews for worship.); Dave Fison reports that "This is the greatest thing that has happened in my ministry." Twenty-one of these laymen and a layman from First Church, Fairbanks led the mission in

Seward the following weekend. Gary Lueck reports a mixed reaction among his people but an overall positive effect in the church and community.

Twenty-seven "outside" witnesses were joined by fourteen youth and adults from Fairbanks for the "mission" at First Church, Anchorage. The team was led by Jack Archer of Corpus Christi, Texas. Gene Walters reports a renewed vitality in the congregation (attendance is up about 100% Sunday compared with pre-mission averages) and the formation of several new groups for study and prayer.

Following the lay witness mission at First Church, nineteen members of the team were engaged in mid-week leadership and sharing events. Members of the team conducted workshops on small group ministries at First Church in Fairbanks, led study and sharing groups at Ft. Wainwright, Eielson and Elmendorf for the military chapel programs and assisted with study groups, evangelism work area meetings and calling with the pastors of the East Anchorage, Turnagain, and Seward churches.

Thirteen youth and adults from First Church, Anchorage and twelve youth and adults from First Church, Fairbanks joined the team for the Kenai Parish mission (April 23-25). Over 40 youth from the community attended the teen sessions and 216 persons were in attendance for the joint Sunday morning worship service. Bob Bowers made this statement,

The Lay Witness Mission which was held in our church has been the vehicle for bringing new life and meaning into the lives of both the people and their pastor, with the simple, deeply humble and honest testimony of the witnesses has come a new realization of what it means to be a Christian.

Other churches have used other techniques and programs for the proclamation of the good news message, and with the input of additional insight in what is working in our communities and in other areas we expect a real growth in the effectiveness of our "Good News Proclamation."

It is true that not all programs will be totally effective in all cases. We cannot expect to find pat answers and ready-made programs that will be all things to all men. However, we must keep trying. It is far better to have reached some people with a number of programs than not to have tried at all.

Because we live in a big state where our communities are separated by vast distances, and because all of us are separated from the rest of the country by distance and the cost of travel . . . it is extremely important that we work hard at keeping in close contact with what is happening in our own churches and in the rest of Christendom.

This year we have been enriched by the visits of the lay witness teams. We also are looking forward to the leadership and inspiration of Dr. Joseph Yeakel at Annual Meeting. Certainly this leadership from the outside is helping to stimulate renewed interest in evangelism in the Alaska Mission.

In addition to looking forward to continuing growth in the Lay Witness and small group experiences, we are now investigating the possibility of Alaska's participation in the United Christian program for a United Witness in all of North America in 1973. This program is called "KEY 73," and is likely to become the most comprehensive evangelistic effort in this country.

## ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS

### REPORT

Ruth Popejoy, Chairman

Although the budget for Ecumenical Affairs was cut considerably we were still able to have a good sized delegation of four clergy and four laymen at the Assembly of the Alaska Council of Churches in Sitka in late January. Fares only were paid, with the delegates themselves footing the other bills. The Mission had specifically asked for a youth delegate, and fortunately one was able to attend in the person of Jean Davis, a dedicated and imaginative young woman who is working in the Juneau United Methodist Parish this year under the Fund for Reconciliation. At her suggestion the ACC agreed to endorse the S. E. Winter Youth Convocation as an ecumenical project and to fund it to the amount of \$300. The ACC further agreed to budget \$50 to the S. E. Youth Council, a development stemming from the annual convocation. As Ecumenical Affairs Chairman I have attempted to stimulate interest in the Consultation on Church Union by purchasing and mailing COCU materials to every Methodist pastor in Alaska. Our Superintendent has urged that every church study and evaluate the Plan, preferably in an ecumenical group, sometime before June 1972. We are asked to present our ideas about it in writing to the general secretary of COCU by then. To date, the Juneau Parish has done this, although there may be others. In March Juneau had a four week study of one night a week (two hours) on the Plan under the fine leadership of the pastor.

United Methodists in Alaska can take great pride in the fact that Dr. Robert Nelson, Director of the United Campus Ministry at the University of Alaska, was selected as one of five young clergy and seminarians in North America to study at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches during this past year in Geneva.

# INTERPRETATION

## REPORT

Mrs. Charles Wilson, Chairman

This is the first year that the Committee on Interpretation has functioned within the structure of the Program Council. The task of the committee on interpretation is to promote the program of World Service and other general benevolence causes; the committee on interpretation is one of the key channels of communication between the Annual Conference (Mission) agencies and the local church.

Our committee felt a real need to interpret the program of World Service and the needs of our United Methodist institutions to our local churches. To this end the Program Council designated the Sunday following Thanksgiving as a day when special recognition should be given to the ministry of the United Methodist institutions in our state and an offering taken to support their work.

An attractive six-fold brochure was developed by our committee for this purpose. We are pleased to announce that \$727.62 was received from this offering and was distributed according to the following formula.

- 40% to Alaska Methodist University—Anchorage
- 30% to Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital—Nome
- 10% to Jesse Lee Home—Anchorage
- 10% to Wesleyan Hospital—Seward
- 10% to Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center—Nome

I wish to express my appreciation to the other members of the committee, Tom Dahl Howard DeVore, Walt Hays for their help in the preparation of this first interpretative brochure.

# COMMITTEE ON CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING

## REPORT

Ac Wischmeier, Chairman

Ground was broken last fall for the new classroom addition to the Kenai Church and the new building was consecrated by the Mission Superintendent on Sunday, January 31, 1971. The church received a grant from the National Division of 50,000.

The Turnagain Church raised \$10,000 to be applied on their mortgage loan by December 31, 1970 and thereby qualified for



the \$10,000 reduction in mortgage loan agreed upon by the National Division of the Board of Missions.

A new shower house and caretaker cabin are now in the process of construction at Birchwood Camp and our Southeast Camp is continuing improvements on the main lodge and cabins.

First Methodist Anchorage continues to study the best use of their property for future development. The committee on church location has reviewed plans for a six classroom addition to First Church. Plan A and B were presented and out of our discussions Plan C developed and is now in the hands of the architect for further development and to be brought back for review.

## WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

### REPORT

Jean Stassel, Chairman

This report of the Conference Women's Society of Christian Service is an attempt to "tell it like it is." We need to know ourselves in order to evaluate and set goals.

**MEMBERSHIP:** (Discipline, paragraph 159.3) Our membership remains close to the 400 mark. It includes 18 societies and 4 guilds. Statistics show that 66% of our members fall within the age group between 30-50 years. 17% are under 30 and 17% are above 50 years.

**GIFTS TO MISSION:** ("... secure funds for the fulfillment of their responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas.") Our giving is on the increase. This is both necessary and encouraging. To provide only the same services requires a 3% increase in the budget. It is good to see we are going beyond that to respond generously as we become informed.

**SPECIAL STUDY GROUPS:** (... increase their knowledge of needs in the world ...) *Psalms, The Americas: How many Worlds and Communicating the Gospel* were the study topics most emphasized this year. Studies were held jointly with the local church and within societies. However, participation in special studies is down from the years when we studied for "Jurisdiction Credit."

**ACTION FROM PROGRAMS AND STUDIES:** ("... share through witness and service in the outreach of the church.") There has been an increase in the number of societies reporting "something happened because we met." One of the main reasons we exist as an organization is to be involved in Mission at our doorstep and around the world.

**READING PROGRAM:** (" . . . increase their knowledge of needs of the world . . .") Only one group reports that the Reading Program is being promoted. See *Response*, January 1971, page 32 for details. A Reading Interest Group might be a way to interest younger women in the WSCS.

**SPECIAL DAYS AND EVENTS:** ( . . . grow in the knowledge and experience of God . . .")

Fall Zone meetings with the theme "A DAY TOGETHER" were held at Nome, Fairbanks, Chugiak, Soldotna, and Ketchikan. Ruby Lea DeBlasio, Chairman of the Program Area of Spiritual Growth of the Pacific Northwest Conference was leader. This was a time for fellowship and spiritual growth through traditional and contemporary forms of worship.

The theme of the Annual Meeting held at St. John Church was "REALITY IS RISK." Skills in program planning and goal setting were emphasized. By 1972 the officer, program and fiscal year will be January-December. Ruth Collins, Regional Secretary of the Women's Division out of Atlanta installed Conference Officers using an original service and cross sent to Alaska from the women of South Carolina.

A School of Christian Mission was held in cooperation with the Board of Mission and with ecumenical planning. An outgrowth of the school was a Candidates Forum for Anchorage area residents to hear and get acquainted with candidates for the state legislature. One goal of the Conference Women's Society was to promote and support Schools of Mission in the local churches.

Local officer responsibility training sessions were led by Conference officers in 16 Societies. This was the first time executive committees were trained as a team.

To achieve a feeling of unity between societies in the Conference was our first goal. Conference officers began experiencing this as we lived, planned and studied together at the Regional School of Mission in Salt Lake in June. We arrived a day early to hold an Executive Meeting which included a session on goal setting led by Barbara Campbell of the Women's Division.

It is absolutely essential that each Society look back over the year and determine where it tried to "go" and what really happened. Was the Society the warm fellowship women were looking for and how far beyond the walls of the church did that love and concern extend? Membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service places great demands upon us as well as brings great rewards. ". . . To respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world . . ." becomes Reality as we grow and serve together.

## COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

Grace Wilson — Chuck Horner

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation: Bishop Sparks for his solid leadership and guidance during this conference, and for his continuing interest during this interim period.

Our Superintendent, Ac Wischmeier for his able and precise administration and strong leadership during the past year and during this meeting.

To Irene Wischmeier, whose hospitality goes above and beyond, in her management of the "Mission Hotel."

We have enjoyed the dynamic leadership of our Program Director, Walter Hays, who is now about to move from his office of specialized ministry, to his new job in the parish ministry, we not only express our thanks but wish him God speed in his next endeavor.

We express our appreciation to the Chancel Choir of the East Anchorage United Methodist Church for the inspiration they added to our Worship. To Betty DeVore for her lovely Worship Center prepared even as she was ill.

Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel has brought to us both inspiration and the direct voice of the Board of Evangelism. We thank both Dr. Yeakel and the Board of Evangelism for their generous leadership during the past year.

The National Division of the Board of Missions and the presence and guidance of Dr. Harry Komura.

We especially want to thank Jim Thompson for sharing his gift for humor and occasionally breaking the mood and giving us some lighter moments.

We have enjoyed the participation of our youth delegates JoAnne Alter and Paul Jenkins. We appreciate having the voice of youth in our presence, and look forward to their continuing leadership as they proceed into adulthood.

The Leo Cramer Family—we now thank them for their friendship and their service and we commission them to further service as Missionaries from Alaska to Penn . . .

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting was the Alaska Childrens Service Banquet. We commend Dick Gilbert and his staff for their excellent work, and we thank them for including us in their meeting.

To all the Clergy and their wonderful wives, with special thanks to the Anchorage group who have graciously housed, feed and transported us during this meeting.

Once again we have enjoyed the fine facilities of A.M.U. and we are thankful for this privilege.

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE ALASKA MISSION

(See 1966 Journal, p. 83 for 1—25)

### Session

No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Superintendent	Host
26	1967	Fairbanks	Raines	Groves	Fison
27	1968	Anchorage (AMU)	Phillips	Groves	McGinnis
28	1969	Anchorage (AMU)	Palmer	Groves	McGinnis
29	1970	Anchorage (AMU)	Palmer	Wischmeier	McGinnis
30	1971	Anchorage (AMU)	Sparks	Wischmeier	Davis

## CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ALASKA

(See 1966 Journal for 1886-1966 Records)

Name	First Year of Appointment	Appointments in Alaska
H. L. DeVore	1962	Nome, St. John, Hope, Girdwood, Bay Shore West
J. J. Shaffer	1962	Kenai, Ninilchik, Tustumena, Chugiak, Juneau, Douglas
R. G. Baines	1963	Metlakatla 4
L. C. Cramer	1963	Chugiak, Anchor Park
L. E. Groves	1963	Anchorage—First (Associate), Fairbanks —First (Associate) and Wesley Founda- tion, Chugiak

W. L. Hays, Jr.	1963	Executive Secretary, Board of Education; Director, Program Council; Nome
E. H. Jones	1963	Douglas, Nome. Anchorage-First (Associate)
C. W. Cooper	1963	Turnagain
T. H. Dahl	1964	Home, Anchor Point, Seldovia, Juneau, Director of Model Cities, City and Borough of Juneau
M. A. Groves	1964	Mission Superintendent
C. W. Horner	1964	Turnagain, Ketchikan
E. H. Walters	1964	Fairbanks—First (Associate), Director— Wesley Foundation (U. of Alaska), Anchorage—First
R. Gilbert	1965	Supt., Jesse Lee Home; Supt., Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
R. W. Nelson	1965	Kenai, Ninilchik, Tustamena, Fairbanks —First (Associate), Director—Wesley Foundation (U. of Alaska), United Campus Ministry (U. of Alaska)
J. R. Tindell	1965	Sitka, East Anchorage
M. Cramer	1966	East Anchorage, Girdwood
D. Hartman	1966	Anchorage—First (Associate), Girdwood, Sitka
J. H. Thompson	1966	Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia, Ninilchik
W. Warner	1966	Ketchikan
R. D. Bowers	1967	Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, Kenai, Anchor Park
W. G. Trudeau	1968	Douglas; Director, Nome Community Center
J. H. Walther	1968	Soldotna, Tustumena
J. R. Fellers	1969	North Kenai, Soldotna
G. Lueck	1969	Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing
A. C. Wischmeier	1969	Mission Superintendent
B. Bartel	1970	Anchorage—First (Associate), Girdwood, Kenai
T. Whitehead	1970	Turnagain, Jewel Lake Parish

# IN MEMORIUM

## (Roll of the Dead)

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Martha G. Lippold .....	Anchorage, Anchor Park
Mrs. Edith McLean .....	Anchorage, First
Mr. Charles Herbert Paske, Jr. ....	Anchorage, First
Mr. Roger Klann .....	Anchorage, First
Mr. W. A. Vice .....	Anchorage, First
Mrs. Anna Rankins .....	Anchorage, First
Mr. Arthur Borchardt .....	Anchorage, First
Margaret Fitzhugh .....	Anchorage, Turnagain
Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Rawlings .....	Fairbanks, First
Jack Blake .....	Fairbanks, First
Mrs. Edison W. (Claire) Crafton .....	Fairbanks, First
Mrs. Elsie Sofoulis .....	Juneau
Mrs. Mary Ruth Dupere .....	Juneau
William Attatayuk .....	Nome
Bishop Everett W. Palmer .....	Portland Area
Bishop Glenn R. Phillips, Retired .....	San Diego, Calif.

# PASTORAL RECORD

(See 1970 Journal for Complete Records, Page 104-108)

BARTEL, BRUCE ALLAN: Kenai 1971.

BOWERS, ROBERT DALE: Anchorage Anchor Park 1971.

DEVORE, HOWARD LEWIS: St. John Bay Shore West,  
Girdwood and Hope 1971.

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.: Nome 1971.

JONES, ERNEST HOWARD: Anchorage First Associate 1971.

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGE: Elder 1970.

# Alaska Mission of the United Methodist Church

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1970

Acct. No.		Balance Jan. 1 1970	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance Dec. 31 1970
2000	Ministerial Support	(.10)	11639.76	11617.96	21.70
2012	Conference Claimants Fund	556.04	7845.48	—	8401.52
3020	Connectional Admin.	.21	8357.40	8499.61	(142.00)
4030	World Service	.60	18729.91	18720.60	9.91
4031	World Service Specials	—	120.00	120.00	—
4032	General Advance Specials	—	795.37	795.37	—
4033	1 Great Hour of Sharing	—	791.34	791.34	—
4034	Fellowship of Suff. & Ser.	—	700.38	700.38	—
4036	Methodist Student Day	—	39.00	39.00	—
4037	Youth Service Fund	—	96.07	96.07	—
4038	Race Relations	—	310.12	310.12	—
4039	A. M. U.	—	419.90	419.90	—
4041	Fund for Reconciliation	1656.17	1736.10	796.23	2596.04
4044	Christian Education Sunday	—	226.25	226.25	—
4047	Jesse Lee Home	—	106.33	106.33	—
4048	Conf. Advance Specials	—	626.62	626.62	—
5050A	Conf. Benev. Reserve	2856.12	1031.46	2807.75	1079.83
5051	Board of Education	149.89	5397.78	5544.26	3.41
5052A	Audio Visual Library	—	854.75	854.75	—
5054	Western Area Camp Development	8.50	1116.00	887.50	237.00
5054A	Western Area Camp Program	1610.45	9893.00	10362.99	1140.46
5054B	Central Alaska Camp Committee	499.00	300.00	332.25	466.75
5055	Cache of Songs	237.50	30.00	—	267.50
5056	Bd. of Lay Activities	—	25.00	2.50	22.50
5071	Bd. of Social Concerns	294.39	608.90	362.64	540.65
5072	Bd. of Evangelism	50.00	150.00	50.00	150.00
5073	Bd. of Missions	168.24	1807.58	1563.53	412.30
5074	Program Council	102.67	650.00	930.05	(177.38)
5075	Bd. of Ecumenical Affairs	11.46	700.00	655.04	56.42
5076	Commission on Worship	44.00	100.00	44.00	100.00
5077	Ministerial Ed. Fund	75.00	700.00	775.00	—
5078	Health & Welfare Ministries	110.00	515.00	177.00	448.00
5079	A.M.U. Student Work	100.00	250.00	100.00	250.00
5715	Pension Fund (Pers. Payment)	—	1790.14	1790.14	—
5716	Hosp. & Medical Insurance	(731.28)	7824.32	8528.44	(1435.40)
		<u>7798.86</u>	<u>86283.96</u>	<u>79633.61</u>	<u>14449.21</u>

## APPOINTMENTS

CHARGE	MINISTER	Years in Position
Superintendent	Ac C. Wischmeier	(3)
<b>ANCHORAGE</b>		
Anchor Park	Robert Bowers	(1)
East Anchorage	John Tindell	(2)
First	Eugene Walter	(5)
First Associate	Ernest H. Jones	(1)
St. John, BayShore West, Girdwood and Hope	Howard DeVore	(6)
Turnagain and Jewel Lake Parish	Thomas Whitehead	(2)
Chugiak	L. Eugene Groves	(3)
Fairbanks	David K. Fison	(6)
Homer, Anchor Point, Seldovia, Ninilchik	James H. Thompson	(6)
<b>Juneau-Douglas Larger Parish</b>		
Douglas	John J. Shaffer	(2)
Juneau	John J. Shaffer	(3)
<b>Kenai Larger Parish</b>		
Kenai	Bruce Bartel	(1)
North Kenai	James R. Fellers	(3)
Soldotna	James R. Fellers	(2)
Ketchikan	Charles Horner	(2)
Nome	Walter L. Hays, Jr.	(1)
Seward, Moose Pass and Cooper Landing	Gary Lueck	(3)
Sitka	Donald Hartman	(2)
<b>FOR INFORMATION: On special appointment within the bound- aries of the Alaska Mission (without Annuity Claim).</b>		
United Campus Ministry	Robert Nelson	(3)
Supt. Alaska Children's Services, Inc.	Richard Gilbert	(7)
Professor of Religion and Philosophy A.M.U.	Richard R. Gay	(2)
Director, Nome Community Center	William Trudeau	(2)



FINANCIAL REPORT - January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

CHURCH and CHARGE

NAME OF PASTOR	Principal and Interest on Indebtedness	Buildings and Improvements	Church School Expenses	Other Current Expenses	W.S.C.S.	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Total Pastors' Salaries	Total Pastors' Travel
ANCHORAGE								
Anchor Park	5279	998	1600	4900	400	490	8450	1400
Leo Cramer								
East Anchorage	3400	1300	990	1800	250	100	3200	
John Tindell								
First	5697	2710	1348	25251	1408		18059	2938
Eugene Walters								
Girdwood	95	104		240				600
Bruce Bartel								
St. John	2300	357	546	4921	97	306	1500	
Howard DeVore								
Hope								
Turnagain	10730	133	1440	12428			6922	1350
Tom Whitehead								
Chugiak	4061	300	477	3228	138		2400	200
Eugene Groves								
Fairbanks	15242	684	2840	22479	743	217	10930	2000
David Fison								
Campus Ministries								
Robert Nelson								
HOMER PARISH								
James Thompson								
Anchor Point								
Homer	400	1323	285	2127	110		1400	200
Ninilchik	357	55	287	599			600	175
Seldovia								
JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH								
John Shaffer								
Douglas		1139	272	2465		68	2922	353
Juneau		4120	458	11241	225	222	6907	1517
KENAI PARISH								
Kenai	279	590	928	7216	344	75	5800	800
Robert Bowers								
North Kenai		1050	377	1152	63	125	300	1050
James Fellers								
Soldotna	270	132	172	2438	97	3	600	507
James Fellers								
Ketchikan	11619	1160	754	10547	300	185	8265	1200
Charles Horner								
Nome			567	6256	308		500	
Ernest Jones								
Seward	800	204	332	2449	150	104	1830	1300
Gary Lueck								
Moose Pass								
Sitka	2941	138	510	2880	120		1300	1200
Donald Hartman								
TOTALS	63470	16497	14183	124998	4753	1895	82285	17090

Total Pastors' Utilities	Ministerial Support	Connectional Administration	World Service World Service Specials	General Advance Specials	1 Great Hour of Sharing	Fellowship of Suff. & Service	Meth. Student Day	Youth Service Fund	Race Relations	Fund for Reconciliation	Christian Education Sunday Higher Education	Conference Advance Specials	Homes for Children Youth, and Aged	GRAND TOTAL PAID
1200	836	658	1359			55						472		28097
	360	283	584	118	27	43			17	350				12322
1559	2096	1650	3406		98		25	25	42		312			66624
	21	17	34											1111
	286	225	464		31	12				25		68		11138
	11	8	17											36
1250	847	667	1376	112		38						53		37446
1200	381	300	620	35	34	12				52	6	66	17	13543
1700	1471	1159	2391	317	334	228		17	56	1050	53	119		64030
	21	17	34	2										74
1375	184	133	274	38	47	24			21	35	49	37	10	8072
	69	55	113	80	25	22				6	27		6	2476
50	42	33	69	6		5				15				220
632	254	200	412	11	11	17	5		16	25		315	40	9157
995	963	758	1565	76	22	89			32	97		700		29987
1200	529	417	860		28	41			27		53	15		19202
900	85	67	138		5				21					5333
600	180	142	292		1	7	19		13			4	9	5486
439	953	750	1548		45			71	60					37896
	360	283	584		77	29	9		3	6	10	53		9045
600	296	233	481			37						72		8888
	53	42	86			8						3		1173
1100	307	242	498	120		20					29	187		11592
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4800	10605	8339	17205	120	795	785	687	58	113	308	166	227	419	383448
												2099		

STATISTICAL REPORT - January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1970

		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP											
CHURCH AND CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Total members at close of last year	Rec'd on conf. of faith or restored	Rec'd from other U.M.C.	Rec'd from other denominations	Removed by Chge. Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by transfer to other U.M.C.	Removed by transfer to other denomin.	Removed by death	Total members at close of this year	Average attend. at principal weekly worship service	No. baptized this year	Prep. members now on roll
ANCHORAGE													
	Anchor Park	367	20	17		1	15	2	1	385	125	13	325
	Leo Cramer												
	East Anchorage	173	2	29	2	26	13			167	93	6	44
	John Tindell												
	First	905	24	65	9	1	55	7	8	932	253	51	335
	Eugene Walters												
	Girdwood	7								7	10		7
	Bruce Bartel												
	St. John	101	2	8	2	6	10	6		91	78	2	56
	Hope	4								4			
	Howard DeVore												
	Turnagain	298		15	3	29	8	1	1	277	121	8	121
	Tom Whitehead												
	Chugiak	144		7		14	2			135	62	2	45
	Eugene Groves												
	Fairbanks	603	24	28	9		7	4	1	652	165	26	237
	David Fison												
	Campus Ministries												
	Robert Nelson												
HOMER PARISH													
	James Thompson												
	Anchor Point	18								18			
	Homer	96	3	1						100	36	1	14
	Ninilchik	42	2							44	28	1	19
	Seldovia	20	1					2		19	6	2	4
JUNEAU-DOUGLAS PARISH													
	John Shaffer												
	Douglas	90	2		1		1			84	27	1	25
	Juneau	249		14	1	8	2	4	1	257	93	4	83
KENAI PARISH													
	Kenai	164	8			2		1		169	70	6	100
	Robert Bowers												
	North Kenai	40	2	2			1			43	36	2	22
	James Fellers												
	Soldotna	70	4	6		8	4	4		64	20	2	49
	James Fellers												
	Ketchikan	383		5	5	8				385	120		157
	Charles Horner												
	Nome	148		2			1	2	2	145	53	9	74
	Ernest Jones												
	Seward	117	1	5		15		2		106	50	1	36
	Moose Pass	32				4	2			26	11		9
	Gary Lueck												
	Sitka	96	8	11		1	6	1	1	106	50		36
	Donald Hartmen												
TOTALS		4167	103	215	32	123	127	36	15	4216	1507	137	1798

									W.S.C.S.	
Number of leaders	Children in all classes & groups (thru 6th grade)	Youth	Adults	Total Church Schl. membership	Average Attendance	No. of ongoing classes & groups for learning	No. of short-term classes & groups for learning	Membership of Society (inclgd. Wes. Serv. Guild)	Amount paid for local church and community work	U. Methodist Men Gro.
30	123	30	40	223	139	19	15	35	355	
17	75	20	15	127	68	5	2	30	100	
21	109	55	87	272	169	17	18	99	392	
1	13	4		18	10	1				
9	83	21	20	133	66	6		16	100	
29	87	37	42	195	87	12	12	20	100	
30	60	24	20	134	38	10	2	13		
33	167	31	36	266	186	18	10	42	313	
6	19	4		29	13	4				
6	22	18	8	54	21	3	2			
2	8	6	6	22	5	1				
11	30	10	20	71	40	10	13			1/2
29	60	20	19	128	72	14	12	40	550	1/2
13	110	15	20	158	100	11	2	24	816	
4	20	12	6	42	21	6	2	11	195	
4	20	12	8	44	10	5	3	12	25	
17	72	31	36	156				40	252	
9	66	20	9	104	79	8		25	1632	
11	52	12	14	89	42	8	7	16	63	
10	20	20	17	67	55	9	1 2	16	35	
292	1216	402	423	2332	1221	167	103	439	4928	1

Statistical Report cont.

PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS

Value of Church land, buildings and equipment	Value of church owned parsonages and furniture	Value of other assets (cash, bonds, other property, etc.	Unpaid balance on indebtedness on assets and property	Balance of other indebted- ness (current expenses, etc.)
272840	49000	15000	48067	
200000	38000		28500	
876760	49000	197000	155934	600
40000			775	
205000 10000	50000		28060	
351600	43000		47624	
240000	41320	825	31253	
696000	42000	15193	104458	
10000 126000 90000 85000	85000			
80000 138000	32000 38000	1345 14379		
187000	44000		35000	
15000	12950	400		
58000	47700		9000	
308500	28000	4597	47005	
290000	5000	17285		
90000 15000	51000 15000	6000	2780	
104000	32000		15600	
4488700	702970	272024	554056	600